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SARDAR'S PLANE IN FORCED LANDING

Deputy Premier And Party Escape Injury

ENGINE DEVELOPS TROUBLE 50 MILES FROM JAIPUR

Pilot Makes Clever Landing On Public Road

BOMBAY, Tuesday (A.P.I.): Sardar Patel, India's Deputy Prime Minister, escaped injury when his plane made a forced landing on a public road, 30 miles north of Jaipur, according to a message received by his son Mr. Dahyabhai Patel from his sister who was travelling with the Sardar.

DAKOTA FAILS

A GOVERNMENT DAKOTA WHICH WAS TO TAKE SARDAR PATEL AND PARTY FROM DELHI TO JAIPUR FAILED TO START AT THE LAST MOMENT AND SO TWO SEVEN-SEATER DOVE CLASS PLANES CARRIED THE PARTY IN TWO GROUPS.

Sardar Patel's plane developed engine trouble, about 50 miles from Jaipur and both the engines failed one after another.

LANDING OVER PUBLIC ROAD

The pilot, who had meanwhile got the plane just over a public road, made a clever landing and Sardar Patel and party, in the words of Maniben Patel "did not even get a shock."

It took the party two hours to get a car and proceed to Jaipur, where they reached a few minutes before 23.00 local time, five and half hours after their departure from Delhi.

HEAD WINDS AT DELHI

According to information received in Delhi the weather was "bumpy" with headwinds when the Deputy Prime Minister's plane took off at 6-30 p.m. A message was received at the Jaipur airport that the plane would be delayed by about 45 minutes but there was no sign of the plane until long after. The Maharaja of Jaipur, his Prime Minister, Sir V. T. Krishnamachari and the Adviser to the States Ministry, Mr. V. P. Menon who had been waiting at the Jaipur aerodrome to receive Sardar Patel issued instructions for search parties to be sent to various places on the plane's route.

R.I.A.F. PLANES ON SEARCH

From Delhi three RIAF planes took off to join in the search.

At about 8-30 p.m. Prime Minister Pandit Nehru had a talk on the telephone with Mr. V. P. Menon at Jaipur and asked him immediately to return to Delhi.

Mr. Menon returned to Delhi in the Jam Saheb of Nawanagar's Dakota shortly before 11 p.m. and was met by the Home Secretary Mr. H. V. R. Iyengar, the Chief Commissioner of Delhi, Mr. Shanker Prasajon the Cabinet Secretary, Mr. Dharam Vira, Mr H. M. Patel, Defence Secretary and others.

MESSAGE OF ARRIVAL

Mr. Menon motored to the Prime Minister's residence immediately. A few minutes later, a message came through at the flying control at the aerodrome saying that Sardar Patel's plane had force-landed and that he and his party were safe and that they had motored to Jaipur palace.

After his forced landing experience, the Deputy Prime Minister telephoned the Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at Delhi late tonight.

Despite his nerve-shaking experience, the Sardar "had a hearty laugh over the whole incident" when he talked to the Prime Minister, the Home Secretary told the Associated Press of India.

According to information available in Delhi, the pilot of the plane "made a good piece of landing."

It is now known that the Deputy Prime Minister's plane forcelanded some 40 miles north of Jaipur near Shahpura.

ANXIOUS ENQUIRIES

U.P.I. adds:—

About three miles from Shahpura, the plane made a forced landing in an open field three miles from the main road.

Shortly after All-India Radio had announced that the special plane had not reached Jaipur, anxious enquiries were made about Sardar Patel's safety from offices of news agencies and newspapers. The trunk line between Delhi and Jaipur remain busy with high priority calls.

Pandit Nehru and his colleagues in his Cabinet kept in continued touch with Jaipur.

A search party which was sent from Alwar located the aircraft three miles off the main road near Shahpura.

Inspite of tremendous strain, the Deputy Prime Minister was cheerful and went to bed shortly after his arrival.

Earlier a large crowd gathered to accord Sardar Patel a civic reception arranged in his honour. Hundreds of people after waiting a few hours returned disappointed as the plane carrying Sardar Patel could not reach there.

JENS SCHIVE CALLS ON NEHRU

The Norwegian Minister-designate in India, Mr. Jens Schive faces the camera with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at New Delhi on March 28.

FAKIR OF IPI'S MEN CLASH WITH FRONTIER POLICE

PESHAWAR, March 29. (API)—The followers of the Faqir of Ipi and Frontier policemen, who were escorting some tribal chiefs, exchanged fire yesterday at Mohamand, 15 miles from Miranshah, according to a report received here today.

The report said that when the tribal chiefs were returning from a meeting at which they had spoken against the "anti-Pakistan activities" of the Faqir of Ipi they were fired upon. The Frontier policemen, the report adds, returned fire and drove away the followers of the Faqir of Ipi.

Inauguration Of Greater Rajasthan Union Today

NEW DELHI, March 29, (API):—The Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, will inaugurate the Greater Rajasthan Union at Jaipur tomorrow (March 30) as planned, it is learnt here.

Mr. V. P. Menon, who came here late tonight is returning to Jaipur tomorrow to participate in the ceremony. The Minister for Works, Mines and Power Mr. N. V. Gadgil is also leaving for Jaipur tomorrow morning.

INTER-DOMINION CONFERENCE

Eleven-Man Delegation From Karachi

KARACHI, March 29, (U.P.I.): The next Inter-Dominion Conference will be held in New Delhi on April 2nd and 3rd next, it is announced by the Pakistan Government tonight.

Pakistan is sending a eleven-man delegation headed by Mr. Gulam Mohammed, the Finance Minister.

The principal subjects for discussion will be financial, economic and railway matters, the announcement adds.

The delegation will leave for New Delhi on April one.

"REDS" WITHIN 30 MILES OF HANKOW

NANKING, March 29 (PTI-Reuter): A Communist independent brigade has pushed to within thirty miles of Hankow important central Chinese city on the north bank of the Yangtse river 300 miles west of Nanking, the Nationalist military news agency officially announced today.

Unofficial reports said that other Communist columns were moving into Nationalist-evacuated territory in Hupeh Province.

Natnonalist forces of General Pai Chung-Hsi holding Hankow have withdrawn south of the Yangtse, except for some bridgeheads on the north bank, in accordance with the Government policy of avoiding conflict with the Communists while the Nationalists seek peace.

The Nationalist Peace Delegation, now completing final consultations, will fly to Peiping on Thursday to begin talks with the Communists on April 1.

SHIPMENT OF GOLD CHEMICALS

Import Licences Necessary

NEW DELHI, March 30 (API): The import of silver nitrate and all other silver compounds and monocyanide of gold and all other gold compounds with the exception of liquid gold will not, hereafter, be permitted without a licence, the Government of India annouced today.

The announcement stated that the Government of India has decided to exclude from the scope of Open General Licence No. XI the imports of these chemicals, and shipments of these chemicals made after March 30 will require import licences.

The announcement added. "Parties who have opened letters of credit for the import of these goods under Open General Licence XI will be granted import licences in respect of the commitments covered by the letters of credit. Such licences will, however, be valid only for shipments up to the dates specfied for shipment in the letters of credit. Applications should be accompanied by a bank certificate giving particulars of the letter of credit opened.

"In cases where no letters of credit have been opened, licences will be granted only when goods are genuinely required as raw materials for the manufacture of patent medicines etc.

"The applicants will be required to furnish evidence of their past consumption, and the precise use to which these materials will be put."

Export Of Sewing Thread To Pakistan

NEW DELHI, March 29 (UPI): Export of sewing thread of indigenous manufacture to Pakistan under a quota system by bona fide manufacturers will be permitted says a press note issued today.

TIGHTENING UP CONTROL ON HORSE RACING

Morarji On Four-Year Limit For Breeders To Wind Up Their Business

KHER REVEALS BOMBAY GOVERNMENT'S NEW HEALTH SERVICE PLAN

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Not only would the Government of Bombay, put an end to horse-racing in 1953, but it was their intention to stop eventually, even share market speculations, announced Mr. Morarji Desai, Home and Revenue Minister, in the Legislative Assembly today.

RESPITE FOR BREEDERS

Government could stop horse racing tomorrow, if they wished, but breeders had invested large sums of money in the industry, and Government wished to give them time to wind up.

All offences committed under the Bombay Child Marriage Restraint Act are now made cognizable, on account of a non-official Bill, sponsored by Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, which the Assembly passed today.

HEALTH SERVICE

The Premier revealed that the Government of Bombay would immediately embark on a project of health service for the benefit of students in primary and secondary schools. It would start with 20 units in 20 districts, and would be advised by a Board to be set up.

COGNIZABLE OFFENCES

A non-official Bill, seeking to make cognizable all offences committed under the Bombay Child Marriage Restraint Act, was moved by Mrs. Lilavati K. Munshi. Mrs. Munshi said that offenders escaped punishment under the original Act as offences under it were not cognizable. By removing this lacuna the police would be able to effecively enforce the provisions of the Act.

Mrs. Munshi contended that because of this defect in the original legislation, marriages of girls under 14 and of boys under 18 were being conducted without the offenders being brought to book.

MIRZA'S OPPOSITION

Mr. A. H. Mirza opposed the Bill, arguing that such legislation should be initiated by the Central Legislature on an all-India basis. He argued that under the Sarda Act, even after conviction, the marriage subsisted and another defect in that Act was that no prosecution could be launched one year after the marriage. He said that without removing these basic defects in the original Act, the present Bill would not in any way improve the position. He wanted that girls who refused to marry should be prosecuted.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, extended the whole-hearted support of Government to the amending Bill, and said that Government had been considering for a long time the question of making offences committed under the original Act, cognizable.

Replying to the arguments put forward by Mr. Mirza, the Minister stated that no one, whether a male or a female, could be compelled to marry. When the original Act was enforced, Government made offences non-cognizable, to ascertain public opinion. Now the time had come to make this desired change so that the Act might be fully executed.

Mr. Babubhai Patel congratulated Mrs. Munshi on being the first woman

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BIG FOREST FIRE IN NAVSARI DISTRICT

BARODA, March 29, (API)— A forest fire has been raging for the last fifteen days in Songad forest in Navsari District, according to reports received by the Baroda State Forest Department today.

The reports, which are all from contractors, urged that the State Government should take immediate steps to put down the fire. Full details are being awaited by the Forest Department.

COTTON TEXTILE PRICES REVISED

Govt. Order To Take Effect From April 1

AHMEDABAD, March 29. (API)—Prices of cotton textiles and cotton yarn have been revised by the Ministry of Industry and Supply, Government of India, with effect from April 1, 1949 it is learned.

The revised prices of cloth show an increase of five per cent for coarse varieties three and a half per cent for medium, three and a half to four per cent for fine, and five per cent for superfine.

The revised prices of cotton yarn show an increase of five and a half per cent for coarse variety, three and a half per cent for medium, six and a half per cent for fine, and six per cent for superfine.

It is understood that the increase in prices of cotton textiles was made by Government to balance the higher higher costs the producers have to pay for imported cotton. Owing to shortage of cotton stocks in the country, textile manufacturers were permitted to import cotton from soft currency areas, including Pakistan.

The increase in prices of cotton yarn, it was explained, was not due to higher costs of cotton, but due to the slightly higher rates which have to be paid to spinners.

Nimitz To Leave For Kashmir By April End

LAKE SUCCESS, March 29. (PTI-Reuter)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, United Nations Administrator for the Kashmir plebiscite, hopes to leave for Kashmir before the end of April.

Admiral Nimitz told a Press Conference here today that he was working with Mr. Andrew Cordier, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General, in choosing the nucleus of his staff at Lake Success. He intends to take only key men with him at the start but would enlarge his staff when he was more familiar wiith the requirements on the spot.

TALKS WITH ZAFRULLAH LIKELY

KARACHI, March 29. (API)—Admiral Chester Nimitz, Plesiscite Administrator for Kashmir, is likely to hold preliminary talks of an informatory nature with Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Mr. Mohammad Zafrullah Khan, who has left for Lake Success to attend the forthcoming session of the United Nations General Assembly, it was learned here.

Similar information, it is understood, has been sought for by the Plebiscite Administrator from the Government of India.

This will be a prelude to the "consultations" to be held between India, Pakistan, U.N.C.I.P. and the Plebiscite Administrator as envisaged in the Commission's resolution of January 5 1949.

King Holds Privy Council

LONDON, March 29, (PTI-Reuter): King George held a Privy Council at Buckingham Palace today, his first official duty since the operation on his leg on March 12.

JHARIA (Bihar), March 28, (A.P.I.): Shri Banwarilal Agarwalla has been elected President of the Indian Colliery Owners Association for the current year.

DIVEST SCHOOLS COMMITTEE OF EXECUTIVE POWERS

Special Officer Recommends Transfer Of Control To Commissioner

PARULEKAR MAKES RADICAL PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE PRIMARY EDUCATION IN CITY

THE transfer of the management of the Education Department of the Bombay Municipality under the Municipal Commissioner who will administer it with the help of an Edupcation officer and an eight-man Advisory Committee of Municipal Councillors, the abolition of all the Executive powers of the present Municipal Schools Committee and the adoption of a new scheme for the efficient enforcement of compulsion are some of the vital and far reaching suggestions made by Mr. R. V. Parulekar, special officer in his report on the Revision of the Constitution, Powers and Duties of the Schools Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

Mr. Parulekar who was for a long time Secretary of the Schools Committee and as such has intimate knowledge of its working, has produced a bulky volume of over 400 pages in which he has listed as many as 131 recommendations covering all aspects of primary as well as Adult education in the city of Bombay.

While dealing exhaustively with the most vital reference made to him, namely, a critical examination of the law and practice relating to the constitution, powers and functions of the Schools Commitee, Mr. Parulekar has also made valuable observations on the question of the Government's contribution towards the expenses of primary education in the city.

DISSENTING STRONGLY FROM THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ON BOMBAY MUNICIPAL FINANCES (THE SHROFF COMMITTEE) MR. PARULEKAR ASSERTS THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION TO PRIMARY EDUCATION IN THE CITY MUST BE FIFTY PER CENT OF THE TOTAL COST, WITHOUT ANY CEILING TO THE QUANTUM OF CONTRIBUTION.

Mr. Parulekar has also suggested a system of priorities under which the most important things are taken up first and the energies and recources available to the Municipality is not wasted in multifarious activities. He puts the enforcement of compulsions as the highest priority with the provision of proper accommodation for schools coming only next.

Another valuable suggestion made by him is that Adult Education should also be taken over by the Municipality and conducted by a proper system of co-operation between the Government and the Municipality. Another novel suggestion made by him is the running of a small section exclusively devoted to experiments, investigations and Research.

Historical Perspective

The basic structure for the conduct and administration of primary education in the city of Bombay as at present existing was first put in force in 1909. The responsibility and the powers necessary for the introduction of compulsory primary education were placed in the hands of the Municipal Schools Committee by a special enactment in 1920. In 1939 the Municipal Corporation submitted to Government a draft Bill for the amendment of the Bombay Municipal Act of 1888. The object of the draft Bill was to enlarge the powers of the Schools Committee in such a manner as to give legal sanction for the exercise of such executive powers as are found necessary. The Draft Bill has, however, remained in cold storage.

On March 14, 1947 the Municipal Corporation passed a resolution suggesting the apointment of a special officer to make a thorough examination of he constitution, powers and functions of the schools commitee. It was only on March 1, 1948 that Mr. Parulekar was appointed special officer as recommended by the Commissioner. Mr. C. L. Bakshi was appointed secretary to the special officer. They commenced their work on April 1, 1948 with an office in the Schools' Committee's offices. By the end of last year the office was closed. Within this short time, however, Mr. Parulekar has made a thorough examination of all the references that were made to him and has submitted a report covering the following subjects: Constitution, Powers and Functions of the Schools Committee; Transfer of Management of the Education Department under the Municipal Commissioner; suggestions to improve the working of the Bombay City Primary Education Act of 1920 and to make it more effective; the provision of Municipal School Buildings; Adult Education, Pre-School Education; Curriculum for ordinary and Central Schools; text books for schools; teaching of Hindustani in schools; training and refresher classes for teachers; Physical training and scouting in Municipal Schools; Medical inspection and treatment;

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DELHI-KABUL RADIO TELEPHONE LINK

PESHAWAR, March 29, (API):—The Indian Union and the Government of Afghanistan, it is reliably learnt here today, have agreed to establish a radio telephone link between Delhi and Kabul.

Preliminary arrangements are nearly completed.

GOODWILL MISSION TO PAKISTAN

NEW DELHI, March 29, (API):—A Goodwill Mission from India headed by Pandit Sunderlal will leave for Pakistan in the Middle of April. The Mission will meet the authorities in Pakistan and pursuade them to take back the refugees from India and resettle them in their ancestral homes.

The Mission will include some M.L.A.'s of East Punjab, Sardar Sant Singh, who led the Goodwill Mission to Ethiopia and Syed Jaffar Imam and Mr. Kazi Karim-Uddin, members of the Indian Constituent Assembly.

Attlee Announces Meeting Of Commonwealth Premiers

ITEMS HELD OVER FROM OCTOBER AGENDA TO BE DISCUSSED

LONDON, March 29, (PTI-Reuter): Commonwealth Prime Ministers are to meet in London on April 21, Prime Minister Clement Attlee announced in the House of Commons today.

They will consider matters not fully discussed at the October meetings of Prime Ministers, involving certain constitutional questions, Mr. Attlee said.

ATTLEE'S STATEMENT

His statement said: "Commonwealth Prime Ministers will meet in London on April 21.

"The Prime Ministers of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan and Ceylon will be able to attend.

"The Prime minister of Canada is doubtful whether he will be able to come himself, but if not, Mr. Pearson Secretary of State for External Affairs, will represent Canada.

"Matters not fully discussed at the October meetings of the Prime Ministers involving certain constitutional questions will be considered at a short series of private meetings. They are expected to last a week".

OPPOSITION ASKS FOR DEBATE

Mr. Oliver Stanley, for the Opposition, said he was sure the whole House was glad to hear that so many of the Prime Ministers had been able to come. I know the House will wish a successful outcome to the conference", he added: We trust that at the conclusion of the proceedings a full statement will be made to this House and that if any major decisions are taken there will be a full opportunity to debate them".

Mr. Attlee replied: "certainly. I cannot of course say specifically at the moment what the statement will be, but I will certainly see to it that the House is kept informed".

Mr. Godfrey Nicholson Conservative asked whether any arrangements would be made for members of all parties to meet the statesmen informally throughout the conference.

Mr. Attlee replied: "I would like to consider that, but I have had messages from some of the statesmen saying that in view of the shortness of the time they will be over here and the amount of work to be done, they do not wish to have very extensive hospitality offered them".

GROWTH OF COMMUNISM

Mr. Leonard Gammans, Conservative, asked if it was proposed to discuss the growth of Communism in

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Condemned Ghee	10	...	...	...	...

The stocks are lying at the Railway's godown at Poona, Dehu Road, Ahmadnagar, Sholapur and Shahabad and can be inspected at site by intending purchasers on any working day between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A sum of Rs. 250/- in cash must be deposited as earnest money with the Chief Cashier, G. I. P. Railway, V. T. Bombay or with any G. I. P. Rly. Station Master and the money receipt obtained must be enclosed in original with the tender.

Tender documents governing conditions of sale can be obtained free of charge from the Office of the Asst. Controller, Grainshops, G. I. P. Railway, Poona. 3881

NOTICE

STATE TRANSPORT, BOMBAY.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following posts in State Transport, Bombay.

S No.	Designation of the post.	Scale of Pay.	Required qualifications.
1.	Divisional Statistician (Senior)	220-15-400	Graduate in Economics with diploma in Statistics, Graduate in Mathematics with a Diploma in Economics or I or II class B.Com. Experience in Statistical Organisation for 5 years. Preference will be given to persons with knowledge and experience in Transport Economics and/or Transport Statistics.
2.	Assistant Statistician (Senior)	220-15-400	Same as above.
3.	Divisional Statistician (Junior)	175-15-325	Same as above with 3 years' experience.
4.	Assistant Statistician (Junior)	175-15-325	Same as above.
5.	Statistical Clerk	120-10-200 E.B. 10-250	A degree in Mathematics or Commerce is essential. Experience in Statistical Work is desirable.
6.	Junior Statistical Clerk	75-5-140 E.B. 6-200	Matriculate preferably with distinction in Mathematics.

Applications stating full name, caste, date and place of Birth, Domicile, present address, qualifications experience and particulars of previous employment if any, should be addressed to the Provincial Motor Transport Controller and should reach this office at the address mentioned below not later than 5-4-1949.

(Sd.) D. D. SATHE,
Provincial Motor Transport Controller.

State Transport,
Asian Airways Building,
Globe Mill Passage,
Worli, Bombay 18. 3874

N. S. RAILWAY

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited for a post of Paint Shop Chargeman in the Road Transport Department.

2. Applicants should have experience of 15 to 20 years as Painter with at least 10 years as Supervisor. They must have a thorough knowledge of (1) Colour mixing of oil and cellulose paints and matching of colours, (2) Spray painting with both oil and cellulose paints, (3) Letter writing and design of monograms etc.

3. Selected candidate will be appointed in the grade of O.S. Rs. 175-8-231-9-258 and will receive in addition Dearness Allowance and other allowances in accordance with the rules in force. N.B.:— Indian currency Rs. 100/- are equivalent to Osmania Sicca Rs. 116-10-8.

4. Applications should be submitted in the prescribed form only which can be obtained from the Personnel Officer, General Manager's Office, Secunderabad, on payment of O.S. Re. 1/- either in person or by Money Order. Full name and address of the applicant must be entered in ink in block capital letters in ENGLISH on the Money Order coupon on which also the post for which the application form is required should be clearly stated: otherwise the Money Order will not be accepted.

5. The last date for the issue of application forms is 9th April 1949 and the last date for receipt of application forms at the Labour Bureau is 14th April 1949.

G. SURYANARAYANA.
Personnel Officer.

Secunderabad 24-3-1949. 3838

TENDER NOTICE

Specification No. Elg/T.10.

Surat Billimora 66 KV Transmission line.

THE TIME AND DATE for receiving the tenders against above Specification is extended upto 5 p.m. on the 18th May, 1949. The tenders will be opened on the 19th May, 1949 at 11 a.m.

V. R. VAIDYA,
Executive Engineer (Trans.), for Electrical Commissioner with the Government of Bombay Electric Grid Offices.
Foreshore Road, Bombay 1.
28th March 1949. 3854

GIP RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER of Stores invites tenders for the purchase of empty kerosene oil tins available at 'General' Stores Depot of this Railway at Lower Parel. Forms obtainable from his office at Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 2/- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or cash only. Closing date 26-4-1949. 3841

PUBLIC NOTICE

BOMBAY SALES TAX ACT

All DEALERS WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED under the Bombay Sales Tax Act are informed that they will be liable to pay Sales Tax on the sales made by them on or after 1ST APRIL 1949 if their gross turnover for all places of business in the Province of Bombay and the States integrated therewith during the year ending 31st March 1949 has exceeded the following limits:—

(a) In the case of a dealer who brings any goods within the Province of Bombay and integrated States.... Rs. 10,000.
(Provided the value of the goods imported is not less than Rs. 1,000.)

(b) In the case of a manufacturer or processor.... Rs. 10,000.

(c) In the case of any other dealer, ... Rs. 30,000.

2. If the gross turnover of any dealer has not exceeded the above limits during the year ending 31st March 1949, he will become liable to pay tax when his gross turnover exceeds the above limits at any time during the year beginning from 1st April 1949; but he shall not be required to pay any tax for the turnover upto the above limits from 1st April 1949.

3. Every dealer who becomes liable to pay tax as explained above must apply for registration in Form II to the Sales Tax Officer of his City/Ward/District before the 30th April 1949, or within thirty days from the date when his turnover from 1st April 1949 first exceeds the above limits.

V. L. GIDWANI.
Deputy Commissioner of Sales Tax, Bombay Province, Bombay.
No. 3963
Bombay,
March 29th, 1949 3878

PUBLIC NOTICES

WANTED

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following permanent posts on the scales of pay noted against them. Usual dearness and other allowances are admissible.

1. One Head Typewriter Mechanic in the scale of Rs. 75-2-85-E.B.-3-88-4-140.

2. Two Typewriter Mechanics for Secretariat as Headquarter in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-EB.-2-90.

3. One Typewriter Mechanic for High Court and other adjoining Government offices with Headquarter at High Court in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-E.B.-2-90.

4. One Typewriter mechanic for Patna Proper for the offices other than those mentioned at items 2 and 3 with Headquarter at Government Printing, Bihar, Gulzarbagh, Patna in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-E.B.-2-90.

5. One Typewriter Mechanic for Shahabad and Palamau Districts including Fulwari and Dinapore with Headquarter at Government Printing, Bihar in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-E.B.-2-90.

6. One Typewriter Mechanic for Gaya District, Jamalpur, Biharsarief Barh, Monghyr and Jamui with Headquarter at Gaya Jail Press in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-E.B.-2-90.

7. One Typewriter Mechanic for Bhagalpur, Sahibganj, Pakur, Banka, Godda, Dumka, Deoghar, Giridih and Jamtara with Headquarter at Bhagalpur in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-E.B.-2-90.

8. One Typewriter Mechanic for Hazaribagh, Chatra, Kodarma, Dhanbad, Purulia and Raghunath Pur with Headquarter at Gaya Jail Press in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-E.B.-2-90.

9. One Typewriter Mechanic for Ranchi and Singhbhum districts with Headquarter at Ranchi in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-E B -2-90.

10. One Typewriter Mechanic for Muzaffarpur, Motihari and Bettiah, with Headquarter at Muzaffarpur in the scale of 50-2-70-E.B.-2-90.

11. One Typewriter Mechanic for Darbhanga, Madhubani, Sitamarhi, Samastipur, Pusa, Hajipur, Chapra, Siwan, And Gopalganj with Headquarter at Muzaffarpur in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-E.B.-2-90.

12. One Typewriter Mechanic for Purnea, Araria, Kishunganj, Katihar, Saharsa, Madhipura, Supaul, Khagaria and Begusarai with Headquarter at Purnea in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-E.B.-2-90.

13. Two Typewriter Mechanics for Headquarter as leave reserve in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-E.B.-2-90.

14. Three Typewriter Mechanics for Headquarter in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-E.B.-2-90.

15. One Clerk in the scale of Rs. 50-2-70-E.B.-2-90.

16. One cleaner in the scale of Rs. 22½-½-27½.

17. One Blacksmith in the scale of Rs. 25-½-32-½.

18. One Cooly in the scale of Rs. 17½-½-25.

(a) Mechanic at items Nos. 1 and 5 to 13 will be allowed to draw railway and bus fares and haltage as admissible under the Government T.A. Rules when out on tour.

(b) The touring Mechanic will be required to do oiling, cleaning and petty repairs to not less than 100 machines in three months while machines in three months High Court and Patna Proper will have to give a minimum outturn of 150 machines in three months excluding Sundays and Holidays. The mechanics at Headquarter will have to overhaul and repair not less than five machines in a month.

(c) A bonus at the rate of two annas per machine will be allowed to the mechanics if their outturn exceeds 250 machines per quarter in case of mechanics of Secretariat and High Court and Patna Proper and above 200 machines per quarter in case of mechanics of other districts. Similarly a deduction at the above rate per machine will be made from their pay if their outturn comes below the number fixed at (b) In case of Headquarter mechanics a bonus at the rate of -/4/- per machine will be allowed when they do overhauling and heavy repairs to more than eight machines in a month and a deduction at the rate of Re. 1/- per machine will be made if the outturn falls below 5 machines in a month.

(d) They will be governed by the ordinary revised leave rules and travelling allowance rules applicable to other Government servants of the corresponding class.

Qualifications required:—

Candidates for (1) must be trained mechanic capable of working on lathe, grinding, welding, polishing and soldering, etc. Must have worked in typewriter and duplicator companies such as Remington, Underwood, Royal, L. C. Smith and Gestetner, for a period of not less than 10 years, out of which about two years in each of the above companies. Must possess fair knowledge of English and Hindi to submit estimates for overhauling and repairs. Must possess sound health to undertake hard work. Preference will be given to a matriculate and man having thorough experience of the work.

Candidates for 2 to 14 must also be trained mechanics, capable of repairing and overhauling all makes and models of typewriters and duplicators. Must have fair knowledge in English and Hindi. Must be of sound health to undertake hard works. Preference will be given to those who possess knowledge of lathe, grinding, welding, polishing and soldering be preferred.

Candidates for (15) must be at least matriculate of any Indian University. Must be able to put up good drafts. Must possess knowledge of account. Preference will be given to those who have worked in some Government offices and know typewriting well.

Candidates for (16) must be able to clean all makes and models of typewriter and duplicators. Must know Hindi. Must have sound health to undertake hard works. Preference will be given to those who have previous experience of the work.

Candidates for (17) must be well conversant with smithing work. Must possess sound health to undertake hard work. Preference will be given to one who knows welding on welding plant.

Applications for 1 to 14 should submit (a) certificate from Remington, Royal, Underwood, L. C. Smith and Gestetner Companies showing that they have worked there for not less than two years. (b) Certificate of good character from two respectable persons of the province. (c) Certificate of age. (d) Certificate for educational qualifications.

Applicant for (13) should submit Matriculation certificate of good character, certificate of office experience, if any and the knowledge of typewriting.

Applicants for 16 should submit certificates as mentioned at (b) and (c) for the posts of mechanics together with the certificate showing that he has got good knowledge of handling typewriters and duplicators of all makes and models.

Applicants for 17 should submit testimonials as mentioned at (b) and (c) for the posts of mechanics together with the certificate that they have knowledge of smithing work.

Preference will be given to those who are natives of the Province or domiciled therein (not applicable in the case of Pakistan refugees). Political sufferers claiming for special preference should submit along with his an attested copy of a certificate from the District Officers of the district in which he normally resides that he was a political sufferer within the meaning of the Government order No. 19163 at 94 (w)-42 dated 2-9-48.

Age must not exceed 25 years. The age limit in the case of candidates belonging to scheduled castes and backward classes is 28 years. In case of candidates possessing better experience of the work, the limit of age fixed may be relaxed.

Applications should reach the undersigned on or before the 20th April, 1949.

No travelling allowance will be allowed either for interview or for joining the posts.

(Sd.) R. GHOSH.
Superintendent.
Bihar Government Printing, Gulzarbagh, Patna. 3873

THE SVADESHI MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE

THE DIRECTORS have decided to recommend to the shareholders the creation of 15,000 5% tax bearing Preference shares of Rs. 100 each by capitalising Rs. 15,00,000 from the Reserve Fund, their allotment to the holders of the existing Ordinary shares, in the ratio of one preference share to four ordinary shares and the increase of the Authorised Capital of the Company from Rs. 75,00,000 to Rs. 1,25,00,000. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be convened for this purpose in due course, subject to Government sanctioning the increase of Capital.

For and on behalf of
THE SVADESHI MILLS CO., LTD.
Tata Industries Ltd., Managing Agents,
A. D. SHROFF,
Director.
Bombay, 29th March 1949. 3880

THE SAHYADRI INSURANCE CO. LTD. NASIK

NOTICE

THE TENTH MEETING of the policy-holders of the Company will be held at its Registered Office on Sunday, the 24th July, 1949 at 5 p.m. (S.T.) to transact the following business:

1. To elect five Directors to represent the Policy-holders on the Board of Directors.
2. To recommend Auditors for appointment by the Shareholders.

Applications with full name, address and policy particulars—from eligible policy-holders (holding otherwise than as assignees, policies insuring either a total sum of not less than rupees three thousand or annuities of a total amount of rupees two hundred and fifty, such policies being in force for not less than three years) signifying their assent to accept Office if elected, should, by Registered Post, reach the Head Office of the Company not less than two months before the date of the Meeting, i.e., on or before 24-5-49.

Only and all persons holding policies issued by the Company—which are in force for not less than six months as at the date of meeting and holding certificates of admission shall be eligible to attend and vote at the meeting. Applications for such certificates should reach the Company not less than two months before the date of meeting.

Votes for the election of Directors may be given at the Meeting either personally or by proxy. The instrument appointing the proxy should be in the prescribed form and must be presented at the Head Office of the Company not less than one month before the date of the Meeting.

For item (2) policy-holders whose policies have been in force for at least three months will also be eligible for admission.

G. G. SOUNDANKAR,
Managing Director.
Nasik, 16th March, 1949. 3868

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

WANTED for the Education Department, Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., (1) One Oriya Science Graduate grade Rs. 110-10-180, (2) One Urdu Science Graduate grade Rs. 110-10-180, (3) Two Urdu Matric C. T. Lady Teachers—Head teachers for Girls' L. P. Schools grade Rs. 70-10-90-100.

Applications stating age, qualifications and experiences must reach the Asstt. Director of Personnel (Employments), Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Jamshedpur on or before 10th April, 1949 3866

THE MODERN MILLS LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifteenth Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Temple Bar Building, 70, Forbes Street, Fort, Bombay, on Wednesday, the 11th May 1949 at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.), (1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts for the year ended 31st October 1948. (2) To declare a Dividend and Bonus, (3) To elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but who are eligible for re-election and (4) To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April 1949 to the 11th May 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.
N. SIRUR & CO., LTD.,
Managing Agents,
V. N. CHANDAVARKAR,
Managing Director.

Bombay, 25th March, 1949.

N.B.—The dividend and bonus when declared will be made payable at the Registered Office of the Company on and after Monday, the 23rd May, 1949, between 12 noon and 3 p.m. on week days other than Saturdays and between 12 noon and 1-30 p.m. on Saturdays, to shareholders whose names stand on the Register of Members on the 22nd April, 1949. 3867

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF THE DISTRICT MUNSIF OF TIRUCHIRAPALLI

O.S. NO. 616/1948

SETH JHAMAN DAS BHOJRAJ son of Radha Kishen Das 19, Vallayalkara Street, Tiruchirapalli, ...Plaintiff

DWARAKA DAS son of Khanya Lal Proprietor Podhar Bros. 259, 5th Floor Malack Brothers Buildings Kalbadevi, Bombay 2. .. .. .. Defendant

The suit for recovery of Rs. 1560/- with subsequent interest and costs filed by plaintiff is posted for hearing on 4/4/1949, in default of appearance of defendant, the suit will be decided in favour of plaintiff declaring the defendant exparte.

(Sd.) R. SESHADRI,
Advocate for Plff.

For JHAMANDAS BHOJRAJ,
JHAMAN DAS S/O RADHA KISHENDAS,
Proprietor.

Tiruchirapalli
Dated 19/3/49. 501

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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE of VERY VALUABLE PROPERTY AT ARTHUR ROAD.

Under instructions from the Joint Receivers in Suit No. 750 of 1947 Mahomedbhai Mulla Buxabhai Shaikh Abdul Rahim vs. Mulla Mahomedali Shaikh Sararali & ors. and pursuant to the directions contained in the Consent Decree dated 24-9-1947, M/s. BENNETT & CO. will sell by public auction on MONDAY, 25-4-1949 at 4-30 P.M. (S.T.) on the premises:—

First and Secondly — 2 pieces of land respectively about 1734 and 678 sq. yds., partly Govt., and Fazandari tenure with dwelling houses at Arthur Road, bearing F Street Nos. 252, 252A., 254B and 254A. and bounded on North by property of Cassam Curramsey, South by property of Khaku Hemu, West by property of Abdullabhai Lalji and East by Arthur Road.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to M/s Vakil Dadabhoy and Bharucha, Attorneys for the Joint Receivers or to the undersigned.

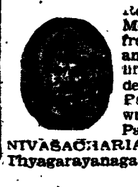
BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE of Furniture including Tables, Chairs, Revolving Chair, Steel Almyrah, Steel File Cabinet 1 Typewriter Remington etc. and 1 Morris Motor Car No. BMX 7778 Model 1946, on, FRIDAY, 1-4-49 at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) at our Rooms, at 72, Medows St. Fort, Bombay under instructions from The Official Liquidator High Court, as the Liquidator of M/s. The Jupiter Airways Ltd., (In Liquidation).

Terms: 25% Cash deposit.

GANDHI & CO.

The Famous Astrologer



Recipient of many Gold Medals and Certificates from Maharajas, Judges, and notables. Annual life reading, monthly details Rs. 5, 3 questions Rs. 2. (Horoscope or writing time required) Pandit Kaliyur M. SRI NIVASACHARIAR THAPONIDI Thyagarayanagar, Madras-17.

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LEGAL NOTICES

RE: SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

OFFERS ARE INVITED by the undersigned on behalf of their client for the purchase of the valuable immovable property situate at Gokhale Society Lane known as Talbai Nivas admeasuring 796 Square Yards bearing C.S. No. 20/74 of Parel Sewri Division near Parel Tram Terminus bearing Street Nos. 2 and 2-C, monthly rent about Rs. 655/-.

Messrs. MAHIMTURA & CO.,
Attorneys-at-Law,
66, Tamarind Lane, Fort,
Bombay.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. V. R. ANANT NARAYAN IYER of Vile Parle, Hindu Inhabitant, has contracted to self, transfer and assign absolutely to my client the property hereunder described. All persons having any claim or demands in to, upon or against the property either by way of mortgage, charge, lien, gift, sale, maintenance, use, trust, possession, inheritance, lease, easements or otherwise howsoever, are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at his office at Dikshit Road, Vile-Parle within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without any reference to any such claim or demand and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piéce or parcel of vacant land or ground situate, lying and being in town of Vile-Parle in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, District Bombay Suburban containing by admeasurement 635 (six hundred and thirty-five) square yards or thereabouts and bearing Final Plot No. 167 (Part) of Vile-Parle Town Planning Scheme No. 11, i.e., Plot No. 167 as subsequently sanctioned by the Salsette Development Officer—together with the messuages, tenements and dwelling houses standing thereon and bounded as follows that is to say on or towards the north by the final Plot No. 167 Q of the said lay out of Plot No. 167 of the said scheme; on or towards the south by the Final Plot No. 167 M of the said lay out of the said Plot No. 167 of the said Scheme; on or towards the west by the Final Plot No. 167 M of the said layout of the said Final Plot No. 167 of the said scheme and on or towards the East by the Public Road of the said Scheme known as Playground Road.

Dated this 30th day of March 1949.

S. A. DHURANDHAR,
Purchaser's Advocate.

(3879)

Scientific Treatment of all Diseases.

Sufferers from diverse illnesses ranging from loss of vigour to chronic diseases such as stomach disorders male and female diseases and all other kindred ills can now be assured of a thorough treatment on scientific lines at the HIND Dispensary, run by a qualified medical practitioner and skilled personnel with modern equipment. Visit HIND DISPENSARY, 1st Floor, 232, Hornby Road, General Assurance Building, Fort, Bombay.

Visiting Hours: Morning 11 to 1 P.M
Evening 4 to 6 P.M.
Saturdays & Sundays:
Morning 11 to 1 only.

ROSOGOLLA—a unique product of Bengal's Confectionery, contains all health giving ingredients. Available in vacuum tins, suitable for any climate and durable for months. Price Rs. 3/- for 2 lbs. & Rs. 6/- for 4 lbs., packing and freight extra. All orders promptly executed.

N.B.—Wanted Selling Agents.

SEN MAHASAY
BHOWANIPUR BALLYGUNJ

CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 1, 2005
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Avval 29, 1368
Parsi: Mehr 29, 1318
Sunrise: 6-09 a.m., Sunset 6.52 p.m.
Highitide: 0-24, 12-40
Lowtide: 6.26, 18-53

Domestic Occurence

DEATH.

DHURANDHAR—Mrs. Mankarnika, wife of Mr. Sumantrai V. D. and daughter of Dr. A. P. Kothare expired yesterday morning, at her residence Opp. Sarkari Tabela, Girgaum Road Bombay.

To-day's Engagements

GREATER BOMBAY CO-OPERATIVE BOARD: Prof. M. L. Dantwala, of Bombay University will speak on "Co-operative in National Economy" at the Provincial Co-operative Institute, 9, Bakehouse, Fort, at 5-30 p.m., today (Wednesday.)

CONGRESS HOUSE: The "Griha Praveth" Ceremony of the new building of Vithal Sadan, Congress House will be performed today (Wednesday) at 7-30 a.m. by Shri S. K. Patil, President: B.P.C.C. He will also lay the foundation stone of a new building in the premises of the Congress House.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: 'Dreams and Human Consciousness" is the subject of short talk to be followed by questions and answers today (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

"BOMBAY TAMIL SANGAM: Mathuraga, Speech by Sri S. Sreenivasa Iyer on "Modern Trend in Tamil Literature" Sangam Premises—Tonight 8-30 p.m."

RAM NAVANIC CELEBRATIONS: At Ashtika Samaj. Today's programme, 8-45 p.m., Harikatha Kalakshepam, on Dhurava Charithram.

BOMBAY CAMBAY MARINE COMMUNICATION: The historical incident of uniting the port of Bombay and port of Cambay by sea is to take place today (Wednesday) at 9 a.m. Mrs. Lilavati will perform the ceremony of launching the Steamship of Messrs. Cambay Steamship Co., from Apollo today (Wednesday), at 9 a.m. This opens to the great possibilities of business developments between the port of Bombay Cambay.

INDIAN U. N. O. DELEGATES FLY TO U. S. A.: Four Indian U. N. O. delegates left for the U. S. A. on Monday night on Air-India International's Constellation Service. They were Mrs. Renuka Ray, Miss V. Menon, Mr. B. M. Nanda and Mr. M. C. Setalvad. Among the other passengers were Sir B. N. Rau and three jockeys well-known to Madras racing fans—J. Tyrell, F. H. Sharpe and P. Canty. All the three are booked to take part in important events in the English flat-racing season which is now in full swing.

"MATERNITY HOME": The Corner-Stone laying ceremony of "The Kasturba Maternity home" to be erected out of the profits of the Municipal Fair Price Shop, Sinnar, Dist. Nasik, will be performed by the Hon. Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Health Minister of our Province today (Wednesday), at 2 p.m.

MARATHI PLAY ON A. I. R.: Today (Wednesday), at 10 p.m., All-India Radio, Bombay will broadcast a play in Marathi entitled "Hatt" written by Shri Achut Parasnis. Mrs. Shobhana Ingale and Sham Gupte will take part. This programme can be heard on 353 and 61.48 metres.

GREATER BOMBAY CO-OPERATIVE BOARD: Prof. M. L. Dantwala, Professor of Economics of the Bombay University will speak on the "Co-operation in National Economy" at the Provincial Co-operative Institute, 9, Bakehouse Lane, Fort, today (Wednesday), at 5-30 p.m.

DASTUR BODE'S LECTURE: Today (Wednesday), at 6-15 p.m., at K. R. Cama Oriental Institute Library Hall, Apollo Street, under auspices of Rahnumai Sabha. Dasturji will be reply to all religious questions asked at the meeting.

ALL-INDIA PLASTIC MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION: Second Day's session of Conference, beginning 10 a.m. Taj.

BOMBAY ANDHRA MAHASABHA: Telugu New Year's Day at Kuver Kunj, Ladar, Parsi Colony, 6-30 p.m.

Amalner Oil Mills Dispute For Adjudication

The industrial dispute between the five oil mills in Amalner (East Khandesh District) and their employees has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. V. R. Saraf.

Army Education Certificate Holders

The Government of Bombay has directed that candidates from ex-army personnel, who have secured the Indian Army Special Certificate of Education, should be held eligible for appointment as Primary school teachers under the local authorities in the Province. Such candidates will also be admitted to the second year training class of Primary Training Colleges and regarded as full trained teachers after a year's training.

Ahmedabad Ban On Knives Extended

The ban imposed by the District Magistrate of Ahmedabad on the import, sale, manufacture or exhibition of knives, commonly known as Rampuri knives, or knives with blades more than 2 1-2 inches in length and tapering into a point, in the city of Ahmedabad has been extended for two months, from March 31.

MEETING TO SPEED UP GANDHI FUND COLLECTIONS

A meeting will be held at the Grain Dealers' Association Hall, at Keshavji Naik Road (Chinchbunder) today (Wednesday) at 9 p.m. to decide upon a plan of collections for the Gandhi Memorial Fund under the auspices of the "B" Ward Congress Committee. Mr. Kanji Jetabhai will preside.

Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, will perform "Griha-Pravash" (Opening) of the new wing of Vithal Sadan and laying foundation of a new building at Congress House, today (Wednesday), at 7-30 p.m.

BOMBAY FODDER FOR SAURASHTRA

Kher's Assurance To Dheber

BOMBAY, Tuesday

Saurashtra will soon be getting from Bombay a large quantity of fodder and hay to feed its starving cattle. An assurance to this effect was given today by Mr. B. G. Kher, Bombay Premier to Mr. U. N. Dheber, the Premier of Saurashtra.

In the course of a brief talk with Mr. Kher and other Ministers of the Government of Bombay, Mr. Dheber impressed upon them all the desirability and necessity of supplying fodder to Saurashtra. He said that Saurashtra wanted 20 million pounds of hay and fodder with a view to save its cattle wealth and keep it in a fit condition. The Madhayabharat Government had promised a considerable quantity. The Government of India had also promised to give them immediate help.

Countess Mountbatten's Tribute To Air-India

The following is the text of a letter received by Messrs. Air India Ltd., from Countess Mountbatten, who, accompanied by her daughter, returned to London by an Air India International Constellation:

"Before leaving India, I feel I must write a letter of very sincere appreciation to Air-India for the very excellent service and specially kind consideration which they have given to my daughter and myself in connection with our journey to and from India."

"Our trip from Cairo to Delhi was quite one on the outstanding air journeys I have ever made, and I cannot speak too highly of the way in which we were cared for. As far as the comfort of the passengers is concerned attention has obviously been given to the smallest details and as far as the technical side of the service is concerned and its exceptional record of punctuality I have nothing but the greatest praise."

"I am particularly grateful to Air-India for the great assistance they have given in helping me over the unavoidable change of dates for my return journey and also the manner in which they have helped to fit in our outward trips due to the unfortunate delay of the BOAC service at Malta."

Shirin Vajifdar's Dance Recital

In her sixth consecutive dance recital to be held at the Excelsior Theatre on April 3 and 10, at 10-15 a.m., Shirin Vajifdar is presenting a varied and interesting programme of "divertisements" and short ballets. Apart from Shirin's new solo in the "Bharata Natyam" style of South India, the "piece de resistance" of the programme will be a short ballet which will give a complete conspectus of the entire Manipuri style of dancing. In addition to two other ballets, which are cast in a more popular mould, a duet in the "Kathak" technique rendered by Shirin's sisters, Khurshed and Roshen, will be the highlight of the shows. Authentic period cosigned for this number which is a charming vignette of two Moghal Princesses disporting themselves in the secluded arbours of the royal garden.

Radio

BOMBAY, Wednesday, March 30
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7-30 a.m. Geet Aur Ghazal By Zahor Khan 7-45 Nikhil Ghosh (Gat Toda on Tabla) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Sambaprasad Sawkar (Todi) 8-45 News (G).

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12-45 p.m. Musical Interlude 1-0 News (G) 1-10 Laker 1-30 News (E) 1-40 New Mayfair Novelty Orchestra 2-0 Fritz Kreisler (Violin) 2-15 London Palladium Orchestra.

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4-20 p.m. School Broadcast 5-0 Imam Ali Khan (Vocal music) 5-15 Mohammad Yasin (Ghazal) 5-30 Dattatraya E. Kende 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-20 Sambaprasad Sawkar (Bhavgeet) 6-30 P. S. Dixit (Ghazal) 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 Mohammad Yasin (Ghazal) 7-30 Nae Nae Film review in Hindustani 7-45 Karan Diwan 8-0 Imam Ali Khan (Vocal music) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Vinata Amladi (Ghazal) 8-45 Nikhil Ghosh (Tabla) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Zahur Khan (Ghazalen) 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Current Events Review in English 10-0 Bavard Rustin Negro Spirituals 10-15 The London Philharmonic Orchestra 10-40 Aloo Surveyor.

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7-45 a.m. News (K) 8-0 P. S. Dixit 8-15 News (H) 8-30 News (M) 8-45 Vinata Amladi

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12-50 p.m. News (M) 1-0 K. R. Tipnis (Flute recital) 1-30 K. R. Tipnis (Flute recital) 1-40 News (H) 1-50 Rang Tarang 1-20 K. R. Tipnis (Flute recital).

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6-0 p.m. Inam Ali Khan (Vocal music) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 7-30 Commercial News 7-45 News (K) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 Dattatraya E. Kende (Bhajan moraman) 9-0 Sambaprasad Sawkar (Bihag) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 Vinat Amladi (Ghazal) 10-0 Drama in Marathi 10-30 P. S. Dixit.

BARODA, Wednesday, March 30.
250 m. (1,200 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Raag Sangeet 7-45 Chandrakant Mazumdar (Vocal music) 8-0 News (E) 9-15 Melabhai Bhagat and Party (Gujarati songs) 8-30 Shalini Sule (Violin recital) 8-45 News (G) 6-0 p.m. News (E) 6-10 Interlude 6-15 For Rural Areas Relayed from Bombay 6-30 Bhajanavali 7-0 Shree Sammmelan 7-30 Ambubhai Mody (Gujarati songs) 7-45 V. S. Atre (Vocal music) 8-0 Nagama 8-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Chandrakant Mazumdar (Vocal music) 8-45 Melabhai Bhagat and Party (Gujarati songs) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Bhanuprasad Thakkar (Gujarati songs) 9-30 Shalini Sule (Violin recital) 9-45 Film Music 10-0 V. S. Atre (Vocal music).

INCREASED FEES IN MUNICIPAL SCHOOLS

Committee Approves Proposal To Meet Deficit

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A proposal for an increase in the fees for Upper Primary and Central Standards in Municipal Schools was approved by the Schools Committee at its meeting today, to meet the deficit between the grant of Rs. 94,00,000 sanctioned by the Municipal Corporation and the amount of Rs. 96,91,000 demanded by the Schools Committee in its estimates under budget heads for the year 1949-50.

The increase in schools fees is expected to bring in an additional amount of Rs. 1,20,000 to the Schools Committee's income.

Cuts in expenditure will also be applied to certain minor items to meet the deficit in the Schools Committee's finances.

"SCHOOLS WEEK" COLLECTIONS FOR GANDHI FUND

A School Day and Week for the collection of funds for the Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial has been proposed by the Schools Day Committee of the Gandhi Memorial Fund.

The Municipal Schools Committee has approved of the cooperation of its schools in the collection of funds through cards, tickets, boxes and other means for the purpose.

Goodlass Wall Dispute For Adjudication

The industrial dispute between the Goodlass Wall Limited, Bombay, and its workers has been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr Salim M Merchant.

Bombay Bar On Lahore Newspaper

The Government of Bombay has issued an order, under clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 9A of the Bombay Public Security Measures Act, 1947, prohibiting the bringing into, or sale, distribution or circulation within the Province, of 'Light,' an English newspaper published at Lahore (Pakistan).

WEATHER

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, March 29. (API): Following is the daily weather summary for Tuesday, the 29th March 1949.

Local thunderstorms with isolated showers have occurred in the south Bombay Deccan.

Day temperatures were appreciably above normal over the region from Gujerat and the Bombay Deccan to the West United Provinces and the East Punjab.

Forecast valid until the evening of the 30th:— Scattered thunderstorms will occur in the Central Provinces, Berar, extreme north Hyderabad, Chota Nagpur and the East Punjab Hills.

Night temperatures may fall in Saurashtra, Gujerat, the North Bombay Deccan and the North Konkan.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, March 29, (API): Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours, total rainfall from 1st December 1948 and departure from normal recorded at 08 00 hours (IST), on 29th March 1949:—

Ahmedabad 107 74 0 0 minus 0.2; Ahmednagar 104 70 0 0 minus 0.8; Allahabad — 69 0 1.5 minus 0.9; Bangaolre 93 67 0 0.5 0.6 minus 0.8; Baroda 110 69 0 0.1 minus 0.2; Belgaum 95 68 0 0.2 minus 0.7; Bhuj 105 72 0 0 minus 0.4; Bombay 90 75 0 1.4 minus 1.6; Calcutta 98 75 0 1.4 minus 1.6; Dehradun 88 65 0 7.3 plus 0.8; Delhi — 72 0 1.1 minus 1.7; Hyderabad (Dn) — 71 0 0 minus 1.4; Indore 100 61 0 0.2 minus 0.6; Jaipur 100 67 0 0.6 minus 0.8; Kodaikanal 69 51 0 4.7 minus 6.7; Kolhapur 100 70 0 0 —; Madras 94 75 0 1.7 minus 5.9; Mahabaleshwar 87 70 0 0 minus 0.1; Mangalore 90 78 0 0 minus 0.9; Mysore 95 70 0 0 minus 1.2; Nagpur 102 66 0 0.1 minus 2.0; Ootacamund 75 49 0 1.0 minus 3.7; Poona 104 73 0.1 0.1 minus 0.2; Rajkot 106 69 0 0 minus 0.3; Sholapur 105 78 0 0 minus 0.9; Simla 69 57 0 8.2 minus 0.8; Surat 110 76 0 0.4 minus 0.1.

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CITY CORPORATOR CONVICTED

Used His Position For Getting Contracts For His Firm

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

SARDAR PRATAP SINGH, A CONGRESS MEMBER OF THE BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, WAS FOUND GUILTY OF CONTRAVENING THE BOMBAY MUNICIPAL ACT OF 1888 BY V. K. MURANJAN, PRESIDENCY MAGISTRATE, ESPLANADE COURT.

On a charge of using his position as a Municipal Corporation and getting a contract for his firm, which he was prohibited from doing, the magistrate sentenced Sardar Pratap Singh to pay a fine of Rs. 500 or in default to suffer three months' imprisonment.

According to the prosecution the accused had entered into a contract with the Bombay Municipality through his firm — the New Bombay Transport Company — for the supply of trucks. It was stated that the tender submitted by the company to the Municipality was signed by two partners of the firm, Sardar Pratap Singh and Mr. Narayan Singh.

The complainant in the case is Mr Dharamvir Chapra a partner of Messers Bharat Transport Company.

The magistrate in the course of his judgement remarked that the accused was interested in the Bombay Transport Company and as such had obtained a contract from the Bombay Municipality — while he was a member of the Municipal Corporation. He had resigned from his partnership in December 1947 Nevertheless he had an indirect control over the company's trucks and finances.

'JOAN OF ARC' BURNT!

Heat Wave Sets Film Store On Fire

"JOAN OF ARC" HAS BEEN BURNT! ONLY IT WAS NOT THE MAID OF ORLEANS IN FLESH AND BLOOD BEING PUT ON THE STAKE AND CONSUMED BY THE FLAMES WHILE A CROWD OF RELIGIOUS FANATICS WATCHED WITH SPIRITUAL GLEE IT WAS ONLY THE R.K.O.'S CELLULOID VERSION OF THE OLD STORY, WHICH HAD BEEN STACKED IN A CITY GODOWN.

It was all over in a matter of 12 minutes and despite the prompt and valiant efforts of the city Fire Brigade the film had been burnt down.

Nor was any outside agency responsible for the fire. It is presumed that the intense heat which has been experienced by the city during the last two days resulted in what is technically called auto-combustion.

The fire occurred in a three storeyed building in the compound of the Famous Cine Laboratories at Mahaluxmi. Certain rooms in the building were being used as film godowns. The fire occurred in a room in the third floor of the building. Film owners had already been warned, it is stated that, this room was not very good for storing films and most of them had removed their stocks. It is said that the godown was practically empty except for some films belonging to the R.K.O. and the Indian Film Circuit.

At about 5-20 A.M. today watchmen on the premises noticed a flash followed by smoke pouring out of the godown. Inside two minutes, the fire brigade had been informed. The fire extinguishers were on the scene six minutes later with their usual promptness and at 5-32 the whole story was over, much to the disappointment of a small crowd of people who had been drawn to the spot by the sight of the flames shooting out of the windows.

The Films Division of the Government of India's Ministry of Information and Broadcasting which is also housed at the Famous Cine Laboratories, also uses the same building for its godowns. But its properties stocked in the ground floor of the building have not been affected in any way.

The damage from the fire is estimated at about Rs. 1,50,000.

Hibernating Python

SEALDAH RAILWAY OFFICIAL'S PROBLEM

CALCUTTA, March 27. (A.P.I.): Railway officials at Sealdah, the Calcutta terminus of the East Bengal Railway system, have a problem in their hands in the shape of a python weighing about three maunds.

Consigned from Dibrugarh, in Assam, to Calcutta, the reptile which is 10 cubits long, undertook the 8,000-mile journey in a massive wooden box placed in a luggage van divided by iron railings into three compartments. Co-passengers of the python were some monkeys in crates and bear cubs and in an adjacent compartment were baskets of fowl.

Lured proably by the prospects of a tasty meal, the Python broke out from its case sometime during the journey, devoured a dozen fowl, then curled itself round the iron railings and went into hibernation. The monkeys and bear-cubs were left untouched.

Railway officials checking the train at the Indo-Pakistan frontier station at Ranghat, 45 miles from Calcutta, found the python in this condition. They hastily closed the doors of the van and passed the information to Sealdah.

On arrival at the terminus last evening the monkeys, bear-cubs and remaining fowl were speedily cleared from the van and the python allowed to continue its sleep in the van which was securely sealed up. It is hoped to remove the reptile from the van today.

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Socialist Leaders To Tour Assam

GAUHATI, March 28. (A.P.I.): Dr. Rammanohar Lohia, the Socialist leader, is arriving in Jorhat on April 3 on a ten-day tour of Assam. He will also pay a short visit to Imphal in Manipur state.

Acharya Narendra Dev and Mr. Achyut Patwardhan are also expected to visit Assam in the course of next month.

WILD LIFE OF ASSAM

Govt. Urged To Take Measures To Preserve Game Sanctuaries

GAUHATI, March 28 (A.P.I.): Dr. Salim Ali, Secretary of the Bombay Natural History Society and head of the naturalist Mission to Assam who has just concluded a three-week tour of the province suggested here today the creation of a separate branch in the forest department to look after wild life conservation in Assam.

Dr Salim Ali along with Dr. Dhillon Ripley, an American naturalist and two other naturalists and a cameraman of the Information Department of the Government of India has been here to film the wild life of Assam and to advise on the proper care of the game sanctuaries.

Dr. Salim Ali in an interview described Assam's wild life as a glorious one but regretted that destruction was going on.

"It is absolutely necessary that there should be one branch of the forest department whose interest is only to look after wild life conservation," he said.

The Mission, Dr. Salim Ali said were invited by the Assam Government to tour the games sanctuaries and to advise them on the preservation of wild life and to exploit the full educational value of the games sanctuatires in Assam. The Mission had collected data and they would begin to work out suggestions after consultation with the Advisory Committee on Wild Life Preservation of the Bombay Natural History Society.

Dr. Salim Ali said that the cameraman of the Government of India Information Department would go to all the important fauna in India and then produce a documentary film with suitable commentary to carry on propaganda for the preservation of wild life in India In Assam they had taken a number of shots.

Dr Salim Ali is leaving for Calcutta tomorrow.

COMMERCE MINISTRY GIVES A LEAD

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 29

Commerce Ministry gave a lead in economy to all its sister Ministries by accepting all the recommendations of Kasturbhai Economy Committee. At the meeting of the Standing Committee attached to his Ministry, Commerce Minister Neogy disclosed today that he had accepted in toto all the recommendations of the Economy Committee relating to his Ministry.

It will be interesting to watch what attitude is taken by the "great spending departments" such as the Education, the agriculture, the Labour and the Health Their Standing Committees are meeting shortly to discuss the Economy Committee recommendations.

U. N. General Assembly

Will Take Up Four Main Subjects At Next Session

WASHINGTON, March 28, (PTI-Reuter): The United Nations General Assembly, resuming here on April 5 will take up four main subjects not discussed in Paris, Mr. Dean Rusk, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations Affairs, said today.

They are: (1) Disposition of Italian Colonies. (2) Treatment of Indians in South Africa. (3) Position of Franco Spain. (4) Freedom of information.

Mr. Rusk said he expected the Assembly to consider a Polish proposal for the imposition of economic sanctions against Franco Spain.

He could not say what the position of the United States would be on this question.

The assembly was also expected to complete consideration of certain questions partly dealt with at Paris such as the use of the veto in the United Nations.

He predicted a short session of four to five weeks.

Jaipur Expected To Be Capital Of Rajasthan

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 29

Jaipur is expected to be the capital of the Greater Rajasthan, it is learned in lobbies circle here. Sardar Patel is leaving for Jaipur tomorrow to inaugurate the Union.

Security Demanded From Patna Weekly

PATNA, March 28. (A.P.I.): Bihar Government have demanded a security of Rs. 3,000 from the weekly "Janasakti" of Patna.

Another order has been served by the Government of Naya Bharat Press from where "Janasakti" is published to send every item intended for printing in the press to Government before publication.

DARING DACOITY IN MIRAJ

Timely Arrival Of Police Averts Looting

MIRAJ, March 28 (A.P.I.): The timely arrival of the patrolling police as well as some of the neighbours averted what seemed to be a daring armed dacoity, the like of which has not been seen by Miraj so far.

It is alleged that the miscreants who numbered about 10 forcibly entered the house of an overseer of the city municipality, last night belaboured his wife and were about to get away with booty worth about rupees 5,000 in cash, clothes and jewels, when the commotion created by them woke up the neighbours. The patrolling police arrived on the scene soon after and challenged the miscreants. In the fight that ensued one dacoit was killed and some policemen and some others in the crowd sustained injuries. A member of the public opened fire injuring one dacoit. Thereupon the dacoits took to their heels abandoning the loot they had collected.

One dacoit is reported to have been captured. Police investigations are proceeding.

TEXTILE WORKERS' DEMAND

Hearing Before Industrial Court Postponed

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

As no "interim" arrangement could be arrived at, a full bench of the Industrial Court this morning postponed to April 13 further hearing of the dispute between Bombay city textile workers and the mill managements concerning the former's petition for an award on the bonus to be paid to them for 1948.

The Millowners' Association contested the demand on behalf of 58 mills in Bombay while various bodies appeared for 22 smaller factories. The case of the textile workers for 1948 bonus was argued, among other unions, by the Rashtriya Mill Mazdoor Sangh, the Girni Kamgar Union and the Bombay Mill Mazdoor Sabha.

The Millowners' Association spokesmen pleaded that a decision on the issue should be postponed till July since the balance-sheets of the mills were not yet ready.

The Judges adjourned to their chambers and later after some consultation with both sides it was announced that no agreement could be arrived at on the payment of an "interim" bonus of 1948, pending the final award.

DISPLACED PERSONS TO BE TAKEN IN MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS

In collaboration with the Directorate General of Resettlement and Employment Ministry of Labour, Government of India, the Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation is contemplating the employment of displaced persons in some of the Municipal departments.

The Government of India is prepared to pay a stipend of Rs. 41 per month to persons who have already received technical training in the Ministry of Labour's Training Centres for a period of 18 months, and Rs. 40 to educated refugees who have been unable to continue their studies.

Apprentices will be absorbed in the Water Works Workshops on the terms given to Municipal workers of the same category, in addition to the stipends paid to them by Government.

About eight apprentices will be absorbed by the Municipality.

IRAN'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Work On 7-Year Plan To Be Started This Summer

TEHERAN, March 28 (PTI-Reuter): Work on Persia's £162,000,000-seven-year plan to develop agriculture, industry and communications is expected to start this summer. Preparations are in full swing. So far 24 advisers from the American "overseas consultants incorporated" have arrived in Perisa, including three British engineers from Sir Alexander Gibb and Partners, consulting engineers.

Twenty more advisers, mostly engineers from overseas consultants, are expected within a fortnight. It is stressed here that they have no official status and that the Persian Government is in no way bound to follow their advice.

They are here on a 600,000 dollar—contract expiring on May 15. For the time being they are mainly concerned with agriculture, irrigation, health, education, transport and communications and industry especially textiles and sugar.

All these advisers are based on Teheran, radiating to all parts of the country. They are preparing reports to be submitted not later than May 15 to the Majlis (Parliament) which approved the plan six weeks ago.

If the Majlis approve the reports, most of the experts now here will it is expected remain in Persia to supervise work on the plan.

Side by side with the foreign experts, groups of Persian experts are being sent into the provinces to adopt plans to local needs and to assess local manpower and resources.

A representative of the International Bank, who visited Persia recently, said the Bank was willing to co-operate in the plan but Persia did not now consider a loan from the Bank necessary, its own resources being enough to start with.

The Governor of the Persian National Bank was quoted as saying that increased fiduciary circulation, plus royalties from the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company would be sufficient for a start

OBJECTIONS INVITED TO GANDHIJI'S WILL

AHMEDABAD, March 29 (A.P.I.): The District Judge of Ahmedabad has sent his notification inviting objections if any, to Mahatma Gandhi's will, made on February 20, 1940, to be exhibited at Birla House, Delhi, where the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi took place.

A copy of the notification has already been exhibited at the Harijan Ashrafh, Sabarmati, where Mahatma Gandhi lived for a decade.

BANGALORE, March 29. (API.) Seven Travancore representatives to Cochin-Travancore Unification Conference, who arrived here last evening 'en route' to New Delhi, left this morning for New Delhi. The delegation included the Travancore Premier Mr. T. K. Narayanan Pillai and Mr. A. John, Finance Minister. The conference will be held in New Delhi on March 30.

Rao Opposed To Mechanisation Of Indian Agriculture

It Will Make Us More Dependent On U. S. He Says

LAKE SUCCESS, MARCH 28 (PTI-REUTER): DR. V. K. R. V. RAO, INDIAN CHAIRMAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS SUB-COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SAID HERE TODAY THAT ALL THEORETICAL SOLUTIONS TO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WERE OVERSHADOWED BY "GENERAL POLITICAL INSECURITY AND FEAR OF WAR". HE WAS SPEAKING TO ECONOMIC EXPERTS MEETING HERE TO DISCUSS FINANCES REQUIRED FOR INDUSTRIALLY BACKWARD COUNTRIES.

Dr. Rao said there were only two ways of raising money to build up industry in the backward countries:

(1) The direct method—where a Government controls all economic resources.

(2) The indirect method—where the Government concentrates on raising the standard of living and on increasing the supply of consumer goods, thereby increasing the amount of private capital which could be invested in industry.

Although he felt that the indirect method was the more rational, Dr. Rao said: "The policies of the great powers have linked all industry to armaments production and have made it necessary to have Government ownership of all the resources if we are to have any economic progress".

He objected to the "various non-economic restrictions" put on equipment which a backward country must have to develop its industry.

"I am opposed to the mechanisation of Indian agriculture, because it will make us more dependent on the United States than we would want to be", Dr. Rao added.

Mr. C. G. Collados, United States, agreed that it was a "tragic fact" that money and employment which could be used for economic and social well-being were being diverted to armament production.

But he said this policy, dictated by national interests, held back not only the economic development of backward areas but also progress in the United States

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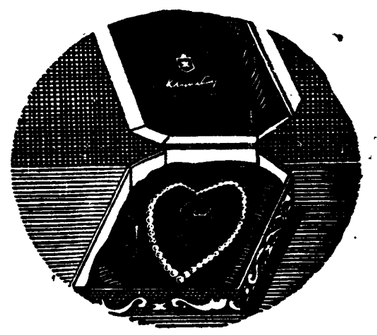

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Tatas Prevail In Replay Of Invitation Final

MAHARASHTRA GO DOWN FIGHTING

BOMBAY, Tuesday:—Tata's triumphed over Maharashtra in the replayed final of the Invitation Hockey Tournament by a solitary goal scored by Lawrie Fernandes in the second half of play.

There was little to choose between the two sides, both being well matched. A lucky opening provided by the intermediate Tata defence made the solo goal possible.

His Excellency, Raja Maharaj Singh, Bombay's Sporting Governor presided and destributed the prizes.

Individual performances of special note where those of Peruvai, Gentle and George Pereira for Tata's while, Diago, Maleioo, Lingam, Gabriel, Pilay, Nemal and goalkeeper Phillips did well for the losers. Sound defence work on both sides is what prevented much of scoring especially first time clearances that were adopted.

Tata's today adopted offensive tactics and kept Diago, Maleioo and Lingam in Maharashtra's defence active, but soon Maharashtra settled down and Tata's escaped narrowly for within a space of two minutes, three gilt edged chances were wasted. Nimal shot feebly, Dadoo shot, but Pinto saved. Bhatia failed to connect when well placed.

With a counter-attack Joe D'Mello shot wide from close in but that was a flash in the pan for Maharashtra again dictated terms and forced a penalty corner, which proved futile. It was a pity that Umpire Ayres pulled up Gabriel on two occasions offside when he was well covered.

Maharashtra pulled themselves out of a tight corner due to some smart work by Goalkeeper Phillips, who saved two short corner shots. Then Diago cut in twice to clear a delicate situation. The first half was barren.

The second half was rather a dull half, neither side being able to impress in the first quarter of the second period. Accurate passing by the Maharashtrians were always observed Pillay, Nimal and Gabriel have a perfect understanding that proves to break up all rival defences. Diago pivots about well and feeds the effective winner trio well.

Towards the last stages of the game Tata's nearly got a goal, but Phillips brought off a marvellous save. Coutinho shot hard, the goalkeeper saved well, but the ball passed between his pads and was dribling into goal, when Phillips stretched himself out and cleared slipping across the goal. To the public it looked certain goal.

But a minute later, Tata's got a decider, through a fine solo effort by Lawrie Fernandes who ran into the semi-circle and sent in a crip shot, that had Phillips bewildered. Tata's now worked up an attack, which proved the best form of defence against the Maharashtrian attack.

Joe D'Mello of Tata's and Nimal received warnings from Umpire Ayres Francis for ungentlemanly behaviour in practically the last minutes of play Tata's finally prevailed by the solitary goal scored in the last ten minutes of play by Lawrie Fernandes.

THE TEAMS

TATA'S:— Leo Pinto; Carvalho, Gentle, Perumal, George Pereira, P. Perrao; Prem Kakar, J. D'Mello; L. D'Souza, Coutinho, L. Fernandes.

MAHARASHTRA:— Phillips; Maloo, Lugain; Yousuf, Diago, Metello; Dadoo, Pillay, Gabriel, Nimal, Bhatia.

Umpires:— Ayres and Abraham.

GOAN'S SPORTS NARROW WIN

Aga Khan Hockey Tournament

BOMBAY, Tuesday:

Goan Sports scored a narrow win over Bombay Area Army in the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament first round fixture.

Bombay A.A. were a much better outfit having been strengthened by their players from Poona. It was lucky for them, that they escaped with only a one goal defeat for B.A.A.'s goalie was seen to bring off some beautiful saves from close quarters.

After a blank first half in which the Goans and Bombay Area Army had numerous scoring opportunities, the Goans gained the all important goal through Eddie Correa, who pushed a ball from a goal mouth scramble.

Goan Sports were full value for their victory. Though the forwards were off-colour to-day or overconfident, the defence shaped well and saved the side from otherwise being beaten.

THE TEAMS

GOAN SPORTS:— W. D'Souza; J. D'Souza, G. D'Costa; S. D'Souza, C. Fernandes, F. Almeida; C. Gomes, B. Perna, E. Correa, A. Braganza, Jacob.

BOMBAY AREA ARMY:— Giga Singh; Piyara Singh, Hussain; Amar Singh Bansode, Avtar Singh; Pandarinath, Khanna, Santook Singh, Burret, Aspat.

Umpires:— D. Fernandes & Ambrose.

JEPSON CUP HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

Both St. Xavier's Outfits Eliminated

BOMBAY, Tuesday:

In the Jepson Cup Hockey Tournament this evening both St. Xaviers 'C' and 'D' teams lost.

St. Xavier's 'D' were beaten by Goan Sports 'B' by four goals to nil. R. Fernandes scored twice and D. Vos also emulated his predecessor. At half time the score was two nil. Goan Sports 'B' now meet Telegraph R.C.

Panchgani Parsi Old Boys' beat St. Xavier's 'C' by the odd goal in three. After being on even terms at the interval, both sides having registered a goal, St. Xavier's having drawn first blood through D'Costa, Panchgani equalized through L. Rodrigues, but on resumption Panchgani renewed their efforts and scored through Motiwalla.

Main Purpose Fulfilled

W. I. TOUR ESTABLISHES GOODWILL

KINGSTON JAMAICA, March 28. (PTI-Reuter)—The manager and the captain of the West Indies cricket team which recently toured India, Pakistan and Ceylon today expressed their confidence that the main purpose of the visit—the fostering of goodwill—had been achieved.

Announcing this in a joint statement to the West Indies press Mr. Lacy and Mr. Goddard said that all the matches were played in a most friendly spirit.

They said that the tour had been thoroughly enjoyed although it was a most strenuous and gruelling one, particularly due to the long rail journeys.

In some cases the team required a full day's rest to recover from such journeys. They expressed the opinion that no team should be required to play five-day Tests in India without a rest day in each.

In conclusion they wished to send their grateful appreciation and thanks to all parties in India, Pakistan and Ceylon who made the visit so pleasant.

Closing Date For Empire Games

WELLINGTON, March 28. (PTI-Reuter)—The executive of the New Zealand Empire Games Association have decided that nominations for the games at Auckland next year will close on January 7 next.

The British Association has expressed concern that priority for immigrants might affect the obtaining of passages to and from the games, and it was decided to ask the Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser to take up the matter on his coming visit to Britain.

The South African Association are also concerned about transport, and the New Zealand executive is getting in touch with shipping authorities on the subject.

CRAMER OUTCLASSES BOBBY RIGGS

LONDON, March 28. (PTI-Reuter)—Jack Kramer, American, proved he is at present the greatest lawn tennis player when he defeated his compatriot Bobby Riggs 6—0, 6—4 in the first of a series of professional matches at Wembley Pool here tonight.

Kramer, who was making his professional debut in England, showed that he had improved still further his dynamic game which gained him the Wimbledon title in 1947. His brilliance seemed to mesmerise the 8,000 crowd.

In another match Pancho Segura of Ecuador scored a spectacular victory over Australian Dinny Pails. Segura staved off six match points to win 3—6, 6—2, 8—6.

English Women Win Test Against New Zealand

AUCKLAND, March 29 (PTI-Reuter): The English women cricketers today beat New Zealand by 185 runs in a three-day Test match here.

The scores were: —England—204 and 164 for seven wickets declared, New Zealand— 61 and 122.

England—Scotland Annual Soccer Battle

NEARLY ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TO PACK WEMBLY STADIUM

LONDON, March 28, (PTI- Reuter): Scottish and England soccer fans will as usual pack Wembley's noted soccer stadium for the annual battle which this year takes place in England. Every seat and bit of standing room has been sold long ago and the best part of 100,000 fans will be present on April 9 for this match, which for many is the greatest game of the year, not excepting the Cup final.

For the players the greatest honour that can come their way is to get a cap for the England-Scotland match. It is treasured above all others. Both teams will be chosen next week. The English selectors should not have such a difficult task as most players pick themselves, but the Scots will have no easy task.

The big British national daily, the "Daily Express" has just completed a postcard poll in England to select the English team and in Scotland to pick the Scottish team. Should popular opinion mean anything this is how the teams should line up.

ENGLAND: Goal-Swift (Manchester City); Backs: Scott (Arsenal) and Aston (Manchester United); Half backs: Wright (Wolverhampton Wanderrers), Franklin (Stoke) and Cockburn (Manchester United) forwards: Matthews (Blackpool), Mortensen (Blackpool), Lawton (Notts County), Mannion (Middlesbrough) and W. Finney (Preston).

SCOTLAND: Goal: Cowan (Morton), Backs: Govan (Hibernian), and Stewart (East Fife), Half backs: Evans (Celtic), Young (Rangers), and Boyd (Dundee).

Forwards: Waddell (Rangers), Mason (Third Lanark), Thornton (Rangers), Steel (Derby County) and with the public.

MOST INTERESTING

The most interesting thing about the England team is that Lawton gets picked for centre forward position.

That is one place where the selectors are not likely to see eye to eye with the public.

It would cause considerable surprise if this centre-forward who has done such yeoman work for England in the past were to be recalled. Rowley (Manchester United) may get this place.

Otherwise possibly the team will be according to popular vote with a possibility that there may be changes in the rightback (Scott is only just fit after being out of the game with an injury) lefthalf and insideleft positions. Swift is very likely to be brought back to keep goal.

An interesting feature about the Scottish team, which might be very different from popular forecast, is that there is only one Anglo-Scott in the side in Steel, who is one of the certainties. In past years there have been several players from English clubs and there may still be. The Scottish public does not often see them play and they would be expected to pick players they watch from week to week.

RESERVES

An interesting sideline to the team selected for England by "Daily Express" readers is the team the public picked as reserves.

It is Goal: Ditchburn (Tottenham Hotspur), Backs Ramsay (Southampton) and Hardwick (Middlesbrough) Half backs: Ward (Derby County), Compton (Arsenal), and Dickinson (Portsmouth), Forwards: Finney (Preston), Carter (Hull City), Owley (Manchester United) Pearson (Manchester United) and Mullen (Wolverhamton Wanderers.)

R. S. S. Leaflet Forfeited

The Government of West Bengal has issued an order, under clauses (d) and (e) of sub-section (1) of Section 8 of the West Bengal Security Act, 1948, declaring to be forfeited to His Majesty all copies, wherever found of the leaflet in Bengali entitled, "R.S.S. Er Siddhanta." (Decision of the R.S.S.), issued by the Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh, as well as all other documents containing copies, reprints and translations of, or extracts from the said leaflet.

HANDICAPS FOR SATURDAY RACES

The following are the Handicaps for the Sixth Day of Bombay Races, Spring Meeting to be held on Saturday April 2nd:—

THE LUMLEY GOLD CUP. (Indian Horses, C III). 1-1/4 Miles.

Repartee 9-4, Rajput Warrior 9-2, Cocktop 9-0, Aan Baan 9-0, Royal Mantle 8-13, Laila 8-11, Gay Pilot 8-11, Chin Up 8-10, Goodwill 8-10, The Judge 8-8, Khundil 8-8, Masked Player 8-7, Rana Pratap 8-7, Baaz Bahadur 8-7, Windsor 8-5, Crescent 8-4, Find Out 8-4, Shubh Luxmi 8-3, Game Bid 8-3, Nirvana 8-0, Put All 7-8, Princess Padma 7-7, Prospero 7-7.

THE SYED MUSTAPHA PLATE. (Indian Horses, C IV.) 6 Furlongs. Division I

Flying Clipper 9-2, Morton Daisy 9-0, My Pet 9-0, Sweetie Shah 8-10, Azad Hind 8-10, Hikmet 8-5, Here Again 8-5, Embarkation 8-4, Queen of Gwalior 8-2, Atomic 8-2, Gentle Whisper 8-2, Manisha 8-0, Carnival Queen 7-12, Peggotty 7-10.

THE SYED MUSTAPHA PLATE. (Indian Horse, C IV.) 6 Furlongs. Division II.

Ghizala 9-3, Rashtrapati 9-2, Bold Bandit 8-11, Mah-I-Nau 8-10, Invader 8-8, Yearling 8-8, Vie On 8-6, Jouette 8-4, Full Poppy 8-2, Princessa 8-0, Star Sapphire 7-13, Dashera 7-11, Gori 7-8, Padshah Begum 7-6.

THE CALCUTTA PLATE. (Indian Horses, C V. Winners). About 1-1/2 Miles.

Battle Out 9-5, Mardan 9-1, Wet Bob 8-12, Queen's Cup 8-11, Ginger Lady 8-11, Brilliant Sunshine 8-7, Pure Emerald 8-4, Luminary 8-3, Adorable 8-3, Puri Pakodi 8-1, Pearl Mahal 7-12, Lalaji 7-5, Miss Rutty 6-9, Yipee 6-7.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE KURLA PLATE. (Indian Horses, 4 years old and over, C V. Maidens). 1 Mile. Division I.

King's Star 9-1, Singharh 9-0, Gold and Silver 8-11, Ma Cherie 8-10, Jahan Zaib 8-9, Prove It 8-8, Yemin-ul-Mulk 8-6, Magic Love 8-3, Chandrakor 8-3.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE KURLA PLATE. (Indian Horses, 4 years old and over, C V. Maidens). 1 Mile. Division II.

Gwalior Express 9-2, Icy Hot 9-0, Duchess of Ramgarh 8-9, Isador 8-3, Phone Again 8-2, Steve 7-12, Bella 7-10, Crepe de Chine 7-10, Mon Ami 7-5.

To be ridden on even terms by Apprentice Jockeys who have not ridden 10 or more winners.

THE NADIAD PLATE. (Horses, C II). 1 Mile.

Pillar to Post 9-4, Jawahir 9-2, Dinar 9-0, Maduri 9-0, Doorani 8-13, Thalwil 8-10, Post Master 8-10, Flying Arrow 8-8, Parting Summer 8-7, Ramal 8-3, Full House 8-2, Fair Haven 8-1, Chocolate Baby 7-13, Raj Doot 7-10, Pankaj 7-4, Simon's Sister 7-2.

THE ACUMEN PLATE. (Terms-Indian Horses, 3 years old only, C V). 7 Furlongs.

Royal Guard 9-3, Musafir 9-3, Onslaught 9-3, Gang Bhup 9-3, The Girl Friend 9-0, Lady Doctor 9-0, Pride of Hindustan 8-7, Reshone 8-7, Rajaji 8-7, Shah Predoon 8-7, Bihari 8-7, The Conqueror 8-7, Zalim 8-7, Par Excellence 8-7, Dry Day 8-7, Belle Amie 8-4, Rasili 8-4, Cool and Collected 8-4.

To be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

ENTRIES FOR HOSPITAL DAY RACES

The following are the Entries for the Hospital Day Races to be held on Sunday April 3rd:—

THE SURGEON-GENERAL'S CUP. (Handicap, Indian Horses, C III). 6 Furlongs.

Laila, Futurity, Abbess, Churchill, Shubh Luxmi, Paramount Power, Princess Padma, Pom Pom II, Arowhena, Georgie, Medallion, Royal Mantle, Sweet Maryla, Bhopal Star, Find Out, Sunbathing, Khundil.

THE ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL PLATE. (Handicap, Indian Horses, C IV). 1 Mile.

Mah-I-Nau, Embarkation, Flying Clipper, Ghizala, Pride d'Antibes, Dark Roy, Dominator, Saita, Cockpit Pride, Windsor Knight, Lady Cleopatra, My Pet, Little John, Coeur d'Or, Pan Supari, Padshah Begum, Taslaroon, Malekah, D. Day, Ayas, Here Again, Atomic, Queen of Gwalior, Valiant Prince, Rashtrapati, Just Wait, Vie On, Ajinkya Tara II, Her Excellency.

This race will be divided into two divisions.

One division to be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE SIR J. J. HOSPITAL PLATE. (Handicap, Indian Horses, C V, Winners.) 7 Furlongs.

New Era, King Richard, Navroze, Tantalum, Army and Navy, Ganga Singh, Lizalee, Marlow, Galatea, Zedai, Crescendo, Traitor, Zanzavat, Peppermint, Plucky Princess, Princess Pakistan, Puri Pakodi, Pearl Mahal, Palmy Days, Luminary, Princess of Hindustan, Trumpeldor, Brilliant Sunshrine, Fashion Parade, London Tan, Big Hearted, Battle Out, Queen's Cup, Glitter, Lady Doctor, Prince Jehangir, Court Dancer, Shahistah, Missing Link, Musafir, Onslaught, Trunk Call, Chetna, Crown of Kolhapur, Down South, Sonnet, Indiana, Mirella, President.

This race will be divided into three divisions.

One division to be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeis and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

One division to be ridden on even terms by Apprentice Jockeys who have not ridden 10 or more winners.

THE K.E.M. HOSPITAL PLATE. (Handicap, Indian Horses, 4 years old and over, C V. Maidens). About 1-1/2 Miles.

Yemin-ul-Mulk, Duchess of Ramgarh, King's Star, Amar Hind, Sugar King, Abdel, Icy Hot, Jai Malhar, Lalkar, Jahan Zaib, Ma Cherie.

This race to be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

THE GOCULDAS TEJPAL HOSPITAL PLATE. (Terms-Indian Fillies, 3 years old only, C V. Maidens). 6 Furlongs.

Maleka Saheba, La Contesse, True Love, Whirlpool, Kantaka, Aafrin, Firoza, Raj Luxmi, Malka-E-Alam, Past the Post, Pick Money, Belle Amie, Desert Queen, Maha Maya, Why Again, Grace Darling, Flora, Honey Bunch, Ati's Pride, Tabassum, Cool and Collected, Choti Begum, Mimma, Kammu, Georgette, Lily, Santenella, Great Lady, No No Nanette, Mumtaz Mahal II, Cherry Blossom.

This race will be divided into two divisions.

One division to be ridden by Indian Jockeys, Half Jockeys and Apprentice Jockeys with allowances.

Mr. Ramdeo Podar addressing the second All-India Plastic Manufacturers' Conference held at the Taj on Tuesday. H.E. Sir Maharaj Singh, Governor of Bombay inaugurated the conference.

BRIGHT FUTURE FOR INDIAN PLASTIC INDUSTRY

Manufacturers' Conference Demands Adequate Representation On Government's Development Committee

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

"Within the next twelve months there will be appreciable improvement in transport. More and more locomotives will be coming to India and the number of wagons will also be increased." This assurance was given to the Second All India Plastic E. Raja Maharaj Singh, Governor of ference at the Taj Mahal Hotel, this morning.

The Conference which will last for thre days will deliberate over the various problems that affect the Indian plastic industry. The Conference was presided over by Seth Ramdeoji Podar.

Mr. Podar said though there had been some economic recovery consequent upon the adherence of industrialists as well as labour to the Industrial Truce Resolution it could not be gainsaid that it came up to expectations.

LACK OF CO-ORDINATION

The main factors contributing to this state of affairs are lack of confidence on the part of industrialists, abnormally high incidence of taxation paucity of capital transport bottleneck and last but not least labour unrest. Another contributory factor has been lack of co-ordination between the Ministries at the Centre and between the Central and Provincial Governments. The concessions afforded to industrialists with the object of stimulating production as a measure to combat inflation are to be welcomed so far as they go. It is, however, regretted that they still fall short of expectations of industrialists.

Synthetic Plastic industry is comparatively of recent origin. On account of its universal application the growth of this industry in the industrially advanced countries of the west has been phenominal. The revolution which this industry has undergone in its application and uses has been mainly due to the recent war. The total plastic production in U.S.A. in the year 1944 was estimated at 700,000,000 lbs, while in the year 1939 it was only about 213,000,000 lbs. This provides a rough idea as to how fast the industry is developing in other countries. The per capital consumption of plastics during the year 1937 in U.S.A. was reckoned at 1.45 lbs. while in India it was .003 lbs. Latest figures show that the same increased to about 6 lbs. in U.S.A.

India which abounds with all necessary raw materials required for the Synthetic plastic industry and which in addition possesses in plenty the naturally occurring resins has indeed a bright future for its development. There are at present about 50 factories in the country most of which are moulding plastic articles.

ANOMALOUS POSITION

Plastic industry in India is at present depending upon foreign countries for most of its supply of raw materials. This anomalous position is to be remedied as early as possible and efforts made to place the industry on a self sufficient basis in regard to its essential raw materials. It follows, therefore, that it is highly desirable that a raw material manufacturing industry should be established to cater to the needs of the industry. It can be confidently expected, I hope, that the Government wedded as they are, to a policy of rapid industrialisation will provide all desirable assistance in realising the above decideratum.

As referred to previously the progress of this industry has been considerably affected by the transport bottleneck Products manufactured in the factories are being accumulated without reaching the consuming centres resulting in not only locking up of the capital but also causing great inconvenience to the public. It is my fervent hope, therefore, that the Government in the Ministry of Transport will reconsider the case of the industry for according it a higher priority.

Raja Maharaj Singh in the course of his speech said that the plastic industry found new importance during the last war through the urgency of finding substitutes for metals and other war essentials. Plastics no doubt were going to play an important role in the India of to-day.

Sri Raj Narain who delivered the welcome address made a survey of the progress made by the Indian plastic industry since its inception.

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

In the afternoon the Conference passed a number of resolutions.

One resolution urged the Government of India the need for reclassifying the order of priority given to the Plastic Industry and removing it from Class IV to a higher class.

Another resolution adopted by the Conference wanted Government to give the All-India Plastics Manufacturers' Association adequate representation on the Government of India's Development Committee.

The most important resolution adopted by the Conference appealed to the Government of India to immediately reimpose the ban on the imports of finished plastic goods, at least till such time that the Indian Tariff Board, to which the claim of the Indian Industry for protection has been referred makes its recommendations to the Government and the Government's decisions thereon are taken.

The Third Annual General Meeting of the All-India Plastics Manufacturers Association was held on Monday at Podar Chambers, Parsee Bazar Street, Fort when the following office bearers were elected for the year 1949. President Mr. B. D. Garware. Vice Presidents. Mr. J. V. Ruia. Mr G Khemani. Joint Hon. Secretaries. Mr. B. L. Ghia. Mr. M. K. Ramchandani. Members. 1. Mr. B. M. Thakkar. 2. Mr. P. U. Mehta. 3. Mr. B. A. Shah. 4. Mr. B. L. Pachisia. 5. B. Periwal. 6. Mr. S. Podar. 7. Mr. A. C. Suri.

Committee To Advise On Pilot Plants

The Government of Bombay has constituted a Standing Committee for a period of two years, in the first instance, to advise it, from time to time, regarding the establishment of Pilot Plants by Government or private enterprise. Organisations or individuals requiring help or advice for the establishment of pilot plants may approach the Committee through its Joint Secretaries. The Office of the Committee is located in the Department of Industries, Old Custom House Yard, Fort, Bombay.

Donations In Foodgrains Illegal

It has been brought to the notice of the Government of Bombay that some persons have been approaching cultivators for voluntary subscriptions and donations in paddy and other foodgrains towards the promotion of schemes or movements sponsored by them. Under the various control orders, the sale or disposal of foodgrains, except to the Government, without a permit from an appropriate authority, is prohibited. The movement of foodgrains from one village to another (except for personal consumption to the extent of three lbs. without a permit, has also been prohibited. The Government desires it to be known that such disposal or movement of foodgrains, without a permit, is an offence and persons contravening the Control Orders in this manner are liable to prosecution.

Abid Ali's Advice To Firestone Workers

Mr. Abid Ali, President, INTUC. Bombay, has issued the following statement:—

The workers of the Firestone Tyre Co., have been on strike since the last 10 weeks. The Communist element has been obviously instigating their workers to continue their strike. Perhaps the Communists want always to add to the miseries of the working classes and to create chaos and confusion in the country, being prompted by their masters in Moscow.

The workers could very well refer their dispute to the Industrial Tribunal and get their grievances redressed by the Tribunal. It is time that the working classes in India realise the danger of Communism and get rid of misguided leadership of Communists.

Food Rationing Introduced In Lunawada

Statutory rationing of foodgrains, namely, rice, wheat, bajri barley jowar maize overseas millets including milo and their products has been introduced in Lunawada town in Panch Mahals District, with effect from March 29.

An order has also been issued under the Essential Supplies (Temporary Powers) Act, 1946, restricting the acquisition and possession by various persons of rationed articles in the above mentioned town.

Excess Profits Tax Reference

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Tendolkar).

Messrs. Pujabhai Dipchand, Ahmedabad—Applicant.

vs.

The Commissioner of Excess Profits Tax—Respondent.

The assessee frim which consisted of two partners carried on business at Ahmedabad. In June 1941 another firm of the same name was started in Wadhwan State (an Indian State) consisting of the same two partners along with a third one. The Wadhwan firm made certain profits. Section 5 of the Excess Profit Tax Act that Act was not to apply to any business the profits of which accrued in an Indian State. The E.P.T. Officer, however, taxed the profits from the Wadhwan firm by resorting to Section 10A of the Act which provided that if the E.P.T. Officer was satisfied that "the main purpose" for which any transaction was effected was the avoidance of excess profits tax, he could make such adjusments as respects liability to tax as he considered appropriate to counteract the avoidance. Acting under this Section the E.P.T. officer added to the profits which accrued in Ahmedabad the profits which accrued in Wadhwan State, on the view that the business had been started at Wadhwan in order to avoid the payment of excess profits tax. The question which was referred to the High Court for its opinion was whether in view of the provisions of Section 5 of the Act, Section 10A applied to the case.

Their Lordships observed that it was always open to a subject to avoid paying tax if he could legally and legitimately do so. Therefore it was open to a subject in India to start business in an Indian State, deliberately and openly, knowing full well that if he made profits he would not have to pay excess profits tax on those profits. Section 10A in their Lordships' opinion referred to some fraudulent subterfuge to avoid tax, though the word "fraud" was not expressly used in that Section. Their Lordships stated that it was no concern of the department how the assessee should conduct his business if he was within the law in doing so, and the motive of the assessee was entirely immaterial. There being no basic liability on an assessee to pay tax in respect of profits accruing in an Indian State, no question of avoidance of tax within the meaning of Section 10A arose at all. In the result, their Lordships answered the question propounded in the negative and ordered the Commissioner to pay the costs of the assessee firm.

Sir Jamshedji Kanga instructed by Messrs. Kanga & Co. appeared for the applicant.

Mr. G. N. Joshi and Mr. M. C. Setalvad instructed by Mr. N. K. Petigara appeared for the respondent.

Society For Protection Of Children

RANI MAHARAJ SINGH'S TRIBUTE AT ANNUAL MEETING

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The annual general meeting of the Society for the protection of Children in Western India was held at the Corporation Hall this evening when the new office bearers of the society were elected.

Rani Maharaj Singh who presided said that she was much impressed with the work done by the Society. The society's home for children was situated at a very suitable place at Matunga which was within the reach of educational institutions. So far, the society was looking after 200 children but there were many more unfortunate children who needed protection and she called upon the members of the Society to take keen interest and expand their activities.

Rani Maharaj Singh was re-elected president of the Society while Mr. Frank Oliveira, Chairman of the Executive Committee. Besides four vice presidents, four Hon. Secretaries and 19 members of the Executive Committee were also elected.

The annual report for the year 1948 which was read by Lady Masani was adopted by the meeting.

Indian Dancers To Tour Europe And America

BOMBAY, March 29 (API): A party of Indian dancers led by Mr. Sukhendu Dutt and Mrs. Rosalin Bankvoksi, popular known as Mirabai, will leave here on Thursday by S. S. "Ranchi" for London on a tour of the United Kingdom, the European continent and the United States of America.

Mr. Sukhendu Dutt, an exponent of of the Manipuri, Kathakali and Kathak styles of Indian dancing, is a disciple of Karunakara Panikkar, one of the foremost instructors in Kathakali. Malabar's ancient pantomimic dance drama.

French born Mrs. Rosalin Bankvoksi studied under Menakshi Sundaram Pillai, the "Grand Old Man" in the field of Bharata Natyam. Her Polish husband, Mr. Bankvoksi, who is accompanying the party as impressario, is also a ballet dancer.

Mr. Dutt said, the tour would last about 2 and half years.

A. I. Compounders' Dispensers' Association

The 26th annual conference of the All-India Compounders'-Dispensers' Association was held at Delhi, under the Presidentship of Shri Radha Raman, President Congress Committee, Delhi, and the following were elected office bearers for the year 1949-50:—

Sardar Ishar Singh Puri, (President), Willington Hospital, New Delhi, Pt. Ram Swarup, (Senior Vice-President), Irwin Hospital, New Delhi, Mohammad Shafi (Junior Vice-President), Behar, Jagannath Sharma, (General Secretary) Delhi.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Bombay Gymkhana Ground

4-15 p.m. Kalyanmal Mills vs. Bhimraj.

5-30 p.m. Lucky Star (Belgaum) vs. Bombay City. (Aga Khan Tournament).

Association Ground

4-30 p.m. Black Spiders vs. Boys' Own.

5-30 p.m. Blue Wizards vs. Mazagaon Inst. (Jepson Cup).

St. Xavier's Ground Parel.

5-30 p.m. St. Xavier's 'B' vs. Goan Sports 'A' (Lewis Cup. Semi-finals).

Cold and Cough • Chronic and acute Bronchitis • Pneumonia • Whooping Cough • Asthma and other Respiratory Diseases.

BENGAL CHEMICAL & PHARMACEUTICAL WORKS, LD. CALCUTTA: BOMBAY.

Agents:—
ORIENT DRUG AGENCY,
Princes Street, Bombay.2

The Bombay Chronicle

Benares is to the East, Mecca to the West; but explore your own heart, for there are both Rama and Allah.

—KABIR

THE ERANGAON FIRING

The discussion in the Bombay Legislative Assembly on the police firing on the villagers of Erangaon in Ahmednagar District brought out several facts which are of public interest. Conditions in the village had been disturbed for some time and there was, as Mr. Morarji Desai remarked, effective opposition to the Government's procurement policy. The grain stored in the Government godown had all been collected from neighbouring areas and were to be removed to make room for fresh stocks. The circumstances point to an attempt on the part of the agitators and their supporters to force a clash wih the Government authorities. It was an act of open defiance, and it was met by the authorities as an act of diffiance. Nothing more would have been said about it but for the fact that the police opened fire on the demonstrators. Mr. Morarji Desai referred to the provocation that had preceded the firing. The villagers had presented themselves, some 700 strong, with lathis, stones and chilli powder. They had resisted the removal of the grain and several women from amongst them had seated themselves on the bags to prevent their removal. The order to disperse was ignored and the police charged the crowd with lathis, only to be met by lathis and stones in return. Fifty policemen and some Home Guards faced an ugly situation and firing was resorted to. Mr. Moraji Desai observed that it was a painful incident. The Government's anxiety to get the facts out as soon as they could is revealed by the fact that the first communique contained some inaccuracies about the date of the incident and the number of persons killed and injured. Contrary to usual official practice, the number given cut as killed was more than the actual deaths. For these mistakes, the Home Minister apologised to the Assembly. The account of the Congress Legislative Party representatives who visited the village, confirms the official version and it was not materially contradicted in the House.

The crux of the question lies in the action of the police—not so much whether it was justifiable as whether it was justified. It seems difficult to believe that the encounter could not have been avoided even though the authorities had full knowledge of what was brewing. It is unreasonable, no doubt, for the police to be asked to wait till there is serious injury or loss of life on their part before opening fire but, on the other hand, it must be remembered that the police have even less right of self-defence than civilians. That, however, is something that arises at a much later stage. The Government owes it to the public no less than to the police to take reasonable precautions against such incidents. In the Erangaon firing, everything seems to have been done that could be anticipated by the local authorities. Timely action by the Bombay Government to bring the anti-procurement agitation under control would have saved these lives and preserved the peace of the district. The decision to deal with individual agitators rather than to proceed against an organisation has been adopted by the Government of India and presumably provincial administrations follow suit. In these circumstances, it is inevitable that incidents like the Erangaon firing should occur since political trouble-makers will exploit every occasion to embarrass the Government. Since police firing in a popular regime is more unpleasant to the Government than to those who disturb the peace, it is in the interests of both the public and of stable administration that effective action should be taken to destroy the evil once and for all. If the Government of India's present policy is not adequate for this purpose, then it should be changed. It is time that consultations were initiated between the Centre and the units. As for the local forces at work in Ahmednagar, it should not be difficult for the Provincial Government to handle that part of the situation.

The Dominions Conference

As Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru explained in the Indian Parliament, the forthcoming London Conference of Dominion Prime Ministers has for its agenda the consideration of certain constitutional questions relating to the Commonwealth which were not fully discussed at the October meeting. This is sufficiently vague to include anything. Pandit Jawaharlal, however, pointed out that he had already defined India's attitude on the major issues. The number of speculative reports that are put out the moment there is any suggestion of the Dominion Premiers meeting, indicates an unnecessary degree of panic and uncertainty in the public mind if not a certain anxiety about the future of this country. Whether India is with the Commonwealth or not, it is natural that there should be a close association between India and Britain, both on account of past tradition and because of common interest. The point at issue is whether this relationship can be extended to other Dominions as well. So far as Indo-British relations go, there has been a vast improvement since independence was attained by India and the unnatural domination of India by Britain was ended. There are certain difficulties regarding the other Dominions. The South African racial policy prevents the development of healthy normal relations. It might be possible to come to a separate arrangement with each of the British Dominions which, whilst retaining those associations which are honourable, does not impose unpleasant bonds on countries which have no common ideals. This might be a more desirable form of preserving the Commonwealth than a mere formal agreement for each Dominion to go its own way. If Britain does not concede the necessity of giving up the purely sentimental Crown for the substantial ties of common principles, then it would be far better to follow the example of Eire which has gone out of the Commonwealth and simultaneously effected agreements with such of the units of the Commonwealth as are of interest to it. This course of action will not naturally commend itself to those who are fanatical adherents of the Commonwealth but it is the only reasonable line to adopt. The October Conference decided that there should be a common membership in the Commonwealth. In that case, the indications are that the Commonwealth will give way to a re-forming of like-minded units. If this happens, the responsibility will rest largely with the British Dominions which have been insisting on the retention of the Crown and on units like South Africa which have pursued narrow racial policies. India has by insisting on her right to be a sovereign, independent republic done no more than force the other Dominions to face the realities of the situation.

Forest Resources

The International Forestry and Timber Utilisation Conference, now in session at Mysore, is the first conference for Asia and the Far East and the third in the series organised by the world Food and Agricultural Organisation. Such international conferences are indicative of the great importance of forests in national and world economy. Every schoolboy knows that forests attract rain which helps the production of food and also supply huge quantities of timber, necessary for building houses, ships, and railroads. India's forest resources are enormous but have long remained only potential and in some places unwisely utilised. Several forests have been recklessly denuded while reafforestation has been unsystematic. If rightly exploited, our forest resources can help the development of several industries like paper rayon and alcohol, besides supplying vast quantities of timber, bamboo and cane. Our forests are also known to contain valuable medicinal herbs. It is the duty of every Government in India to make a judicious use of all these resources for the benefit of the country. Our surplus resources and our researches in forestry will also benefit other countries. It is to be hoped that the Conference will, by utilising would research in forestry, be able to formulate plans of forest development that would be helpful both to India and other countries.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

CUTTACK, March 28

A suggestion for a round table talk between progressive elements of the country to evolve a common measure of agreement on the main task of nation-building was made by Mr. Asaf Ali, the Governor of Orissa, addressing the Orissa Assembly this morning. He added that his suggestion was worth pursuing, if held desirable, on an India-wide scale. Otherwise, it might be tried wherever it is found practicable.

—U.P.I.

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At a reception in Srinagar, the leader of the Egyptian press delegation, said "the East is now having its own leadership. It no longer looks to the West for inspiration thanks to the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi in India and Zaghlul Pasha in Egypt."

Yes, quite correct. But need he have been so—er—exclusively truthful?

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In reply to a question in the Indian Parliament, Deputy Foreign Minister, Dr. V. B. Keshkar, said Government had no intention of sending any mission of members of the Constituent Assembly to visit the lands and peoples of Soviet Asia and Chinese Turkistan.

Counsel of wisdom that. Otherwise it might possibly have been discovered later that the Soviet Government had no intention of receiving any such mission.

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The U.P.A. reports from Asmara (capital of Eritrea, the Italian "colony" in East Africa) that an unidentified gunman shot and seriously wounded Abdul Kadir Kebire, President of the Eritrean Muslim League, on Asmara Street last night.

It is to be earnestly hoped that no plot has been discovered about it implicating the Indian Union and "Pandit Sahib".

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On being refused leave by the Deputy Speaker to make a statement, Maulana Jamaluddin Abdul Wahab—a well-known League leader and orator—walked out of the U.P. Legislative Assembly and resigned his membership.

Any excuse is good enough. Chaudhry Khaliquzzaman Sahib walked out of the country on the ground that he was too old to learn Hindi.

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In a grave warning to South African Communists, Dr. Malan declares: "My Government is determined to act in this matter and I ask that notice of this may be taken. The time for Communist activities here is past—I hope for all time."

There are so many things for which according to the complacent Dr. Malan the time is past "for all time."

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Apropos of the reported talks between Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek and Dr. T. V. Soong, observers, we learn, think these talks may result in the setting up of an independent Government in Canton, should the acting President, General Li Tsung-jan, concede too much to the Communists in the forthcoming talks.

Dr. T. V. Soong will undoubtedly be the surest guarantee of success with the entire people of Southern China, followed later by those of the rest of China, standing as one man behind him.

Russia's Five Year Food Plan

BY PAVEL VOITSEKHOVSKY

At the suggestion of Joseph Stalin, the Soviet Government has recently adopted a plan to ensure large and stable harvests by means of the planting of forest-shelter belts, crop rotation, greater agricultural education and the building of artificial water reservoirs. This remarking of nature in the Steppes of Western U.S.S.R. will affect an area equal to many countries of Europe.

Starting this year, a crop-rotation system based on the teachings of such outstanding Russian agronomists as Dokuchaev, Kostylchev and Williams will be introduced throughout the nation. It will bring about a basic change in the climate of our greatest granary—the black-earth Steppe belt which includes almost one-third of the collective farms of the country and more than half of its wheat fields. The fertility of the land will grow, and, correspondingly, soil erosion will diminish.

The Soviet struggle against drought is mirrored in many another country, for it is a front-line measure in the world's fight to raise ever more food. Reforestation is an important part of that struggle for trees collect and preserve the moisture of the atmosphere and the soil. Shorn of their forests, the fertile black-earth Steppes of the European part of the U.S.S.R. often suffered from severe droughts.

Russian scientists undertook the first large-scale forest-planting experiment 100 years ago near the city of Mariupol (now Zhdanov). Today in place of the wild Steppe grasses there stands a 7,500-acre forest of 100-year-old trees.

Vassily Dokuchaev actually walked more than 7,000 miles across the face of Russia, seeking the causes of the earth's impoverishment. His daring conclusions—which included organisation of the water supply by digging forest belts, regulating water flow and digging reservoirs—were balked by Tsarist officials, who withheld the necessary funds. Subsequently to the revolution however, the Dokuchaev Research Institute was set up in the central black-earth zone.

Dokuchaev also observed that in his time when agriculture "bore the character of stock-market gambling", there was no scientific farming. His ideas were later developed by the revolutionary scientist Williams—and crop rotation has now become the law in Soviet agriculture. This system negates the theory of decreasing fertility of the land which has long been held.

One of the most important elements of crop rotation is the sowing of perennial grasses. As a result, soil structure is built up artificially in three years, where natural methods would take 15 or 20 years.

This view was elaborated and later proved by Dokuchaev's associate, Kostychev. He found that the soil of a soft repeatedly ploughed field set aside to lie fallow contains more nourishing food for cultivated plants than a newly ploughed field yielding very high harvests. This was contrary to the long-established view that the decline in the fertility of the soil is due to the loss of nutritive constituents.

Kostychev established that the main factor involved was the structure of the soil. Soil that had been repeatedly ploughed was like sand or dust, whereas freshly ploughed soil consisted of small lumps. Hence the true cause of the decreasing fertility of the Steppe lands lay not in the loss of nutritive substances, but in the breakdown of the soil structure.

But scientific farming requires in addition to grass planting, creation of forest-shelter belts and the building of water reservoirs, systematic tilling of the soil, use of organic and mineral fertilizers and the planting of selected seeds to local conditions.

This, Academecian Williams' system of agronomical measures, has been most fully applied at the Dokuchaev Research Institute. There it has been established that wind velocity is cut almost one-half between rows of trees which lowers evaporation of moisture from the fields by 30 to 40 per cent. Sheltered by forest belts, one and a half times as much snow collects as on the open Steppes.

In the steppe, 70 per cent of the water from melting snow runs off uselessly into gullies and streams, whereas in the forest belts it is almost completely absorbed by the soil. The inflow of the underground waters in a forest-planted steppe is 901 cubic feet greater than in the open steppe, so that even in the driest years the reservoirs retain their water. Large harvests have been grown in the experimental fields of the Dokuchaev Institute irrespective of weather conditions.

Forest belts and artificial water reservoirs have now changed the dry climate of many other steppe regions of the Soviet Union. This plus increasing farm mechanization offers even greater promise. And up to Soviet Russia's entry into the war, approximately 2,500,000 acres of forest shelter-belts had been planted in the U.S.S.R., while thousands of collective farms introduced crop rotation.—NANA.

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WINDFALL FOR C.P. GOVERNMENT

25 Lakhs More Revenue Through New Taxes

NAGPUR, March 29, (API): An additional revenue of Rs. 25,00,000 will accrue to the Central Provinces Government by the amended Sales Tax Act approved by the Provincial Legislative Assembly today. The amendment curtails the exemption list and increases the list of luxury articles.

The new proposals include the levy of: (A) a uniform rate of one anna in the rupee on articles of luxury like motor vehicles, radio sets, silk, furniture etc., (B) quarter anna in the rupee on the sales of industrial raw materials like coal, cement, steel, cotton, cotton yarn and textiles, when such goods are despatched out of the province, and bullion; and (C) half an anna in the rupee on other classes of goods.

Pt. Shukla Re-elected

NAGPUR, March 29 (A.P.I.): Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla, Premier of C.P. was unanimously re-elected leader of the Congress party in the C.P. and Berar Legislative Assembly at the party meeting last night.

The election of office-bearers of the party for the next year was unianimous.

Pandit D. P. Misha and Mr. Dinkar Shastri Kanade have been elected deputy leaders and Mrs. Vimlabai Deshpande as Secretary.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Governor-General's Salary

It is ridiculous that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel should have been required to defend the salary of Rs. 5,500 a month for the Governor-General. Economy is no doubt desirable but there must be a limit to it. The Governor-General is the head of the Indian State at present. He represents India to the foreign representatives at Delhi and everything should be done to help him in doing this adequately. Arguments about his remuneration do not add to the prestige of the nation. It is very strange that the income of the Governor-General should puzzle our legislators more than any other question relating to the office. If we must have a Governor-General, there is every reason to provide for his comfort and efficient execution of his duties. If this kind of prying and peeking goes on, few self-respecting men would care to hold the office. As a matter of fact, if it had been made clear that, regarding the objection raised by Mr. K. T. Shah against exemption from income tax, the principle of bringing in all salaries under this tax was held strongly enough to permit of fixing the salary high enough to give the Governor-General Rs. 5,500 a month net, we are certain that the Government would have readily effected the necessary adjustment. But the object being obviously to bring down the salary, the Government rightly resisted it strongly.

The Wrong Approach

Some days ago there was a news item that an appeal had been made to Pakistanis in the interest of avoiding wasteful spending not to offer cigarettes. We should have thought that very little was wasted in the practice of offering cigarettes and any way cigarette hospitality varies with the quality of the cigarette. Most people, even the generous tribe of smokers, are smart calculators and he who hopes to eke out a smoker's existence by living on other men's offers, is living in a fool's paradise from which he will soon escape. Besides, the practice of offering cigarettes in no way increases the total number of cigarettes smoked. This can be established statistically by anyone who takes the trouble to do it. Therefore, it will be infinitely more wasteful if every smoker had to provide himself with sufficient cigarettes for his own consumption whilst one of the meaningless courtesies of life is needlessly taken away from us. There is a great pleasure in that aimless searching in evasive pockets which precedes every smoke, and there is no point in depriving people of these harmless joys. Not content with this indirect attack, however, three burqa-clad women appealed from the Lahore Corporation hall to city fathers to give up smoking altogether. This is an affront to masculine dignity which the sister Dominion ought not to allow. Bereft of their lawful pleasure, there is no knowing what the Lahore corporators will not do. Certainly we can predict that Lahore Civic affairs will be at sixes and sevens. Why, the Bombay Government has decided to allow convicts cigarettes with a view to removing a constant source of trouble and irritation. Is Pakistan to be reduced to the state of an Indian jail? For if once the mischief of Lahore is encouraged, the evil is bound to spread. Meanwhile, at joint Dominions conferences it would be advisable for the Indian Government to provide lavish smokes. There is a precedent for this. Edward VII in the lifetime of Queen Victoria used to enjoy the fragrant weed away from the august presence. Pakistan diplomats need have no compunction in seeking the solace of tobacco in hospitable India. After all, partition has its advantages.

The Beginning?

The North Atlantic Defence Pact was open to the criticism that, granting aggressive designs on the part of the Soviet Union, it would induce the latter to turn in other directions. Iran, Turkey and Greece, exposed, as it were, by the "closing" of Western Europe, because further exposed with the Washington anouncement that there was no likelihood of in the "foreseeable future" of extending in any other area, the Atlantic Pact system. Is the fear going to materialise? Till lately the antipathy of the Soviet Union towards Iran had in its expression limited itself to Press and Radio attacks. A few days ago, the Soviet Union took another step forward in the "war of nerves" by closing its three consulates in Iran. Now comes the Teheran report of an Iranian Government announcement that it had protested against an unprovoked Soviet attack on an Iranian frontier post, in which one Iranian was killed and two were taken prisoners. This attack raises a pravely anxious question: If this is the beginning, of what is it the begining?

A Wise Suggestion

Addressing the Orissa Assembly on Monday, Mr. Asaf Ali, the Governor of the province, suggested a frank and friendly round table talk between the progressive elements in the country to evolve a common measure of agreement on the main task of nation-building. Those who have watched the wasteful strife between parties and groups which have much in common will, we have no doubt, fully sympathise with the suggestion. But for the very reason that party strife is now so rampant—perhaps in view of the coming elections—the suggestion may not lead to tangible results very soon However, nothing is lost and some good may come off if the desired conference is soon organised. As Mr. Asaf Ali himself has suggested, the conference may be on an India-wide scale or may be tried wherever it is found practicable. As the subject has been definitely mooted in the Orissa Assembly and party spirit is not so much in evidence there as elsewhere in the country an informal conference of the leaders of the parties and groups in that very province may be held immediately. We do not think that a responsible head of a Provincial Government could have openly suggested a conference in the Assembly without having reason to believe that in his own province at least there would be a fair response to his suggestion. In any case, he is the fittest man to follow up his own suggestion in such way as he may think most possible after consulting local leaders.

Sweet Potato Cultivation

The Bombay Government deserves to be congratulated on its decision to subsidise the cultivation of sweet potatoes during the coming hot season. Sweet potatoes are not generally grown in the hot season but they CAN be grown as a second crop, even in the hot months. That is why we have often commended their cultivation as a valuable supplement to the cereals in the present days of scarcity. Like the "coorka", also known as the "country potato", the sweet potato is a hardy plant and is far most resistant to plant disease than the ordinary potato. It also gives a good crop of high colorie value. For all these reasons the Bombay Government's offer of a fair subsidy for potato cultivation deserves to be availed of by all cultivators who have no better crop for the hot season.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

S. S. C. Examination

Sir,—On Thursday, 24th March, it came to my notice that questions for the next day's Geometry paper were being widely circulated among large groups of students in Dadar areas. Out of curiority, I tried to get hold of these questions, which I got written down along with the question number too and kept them with me. The next day after the Geometry examination was over, I compared the printed question paper of the S.S.C. Examination with the questions collected the previous evening To my surprise I found that they exactly tallied, word for word, and number for number. Such a thing is not possible unless the entire printed question paper had been smuggled in advance. From this instance and from other reports already in the press, it seems to me there must have been widespread leakage of many papers—

Yours etc
A RESIDENT.

Dadar, Bombay.
28-3-1949.

New Year's Day

Sir,—What is a New Year? A New Year represents one brief moment in the music of Creation, one motif in the faoric of Eternity and one tender flower gathered from the Garden of Life. As the old year drops its last petal and as the New Year reveals its first blushing bud, we feel a suave fragrance in our life. A New Year can be conveniently compared to a flower unblown, a book unread, a tree with fruit unharvested and a casket with its gifts concealed.

On 30th falls the New Year's day for the Andhras, Maharashtrians and the Kannadas.

The Andhras observe this by rising up early in the morning and taking an oil bath. Then they will take a mixture of margosa flowers soaked in a mixture of New Year's tamarind, jaggery and raw mango slices. Then they attend to their prayers. They wear new dress after a delightful feast and merriment and then go out to exchange the New Year's greetings. In the evening they gather at a public place to hear the Panchang of the New Year, read by a priest or Pandit. The Andhras think that if they are merry on the New Year's Day, they will be so all through the year.—Yours etc.

K. VENKATESWARA RAO.

Neglected As Usual

Sir,—It has been report that Government proposes to start a Forest College at Dharwar. That our Government, if it wants to start a forest college at all, should have ignored Kanara which its rich forests and forest wealth, and preferred Dharwar is quite in keeping with its continued neglect of Kanara; nay, it is the last straw. But the meek Kannadiga will bear it silently and nothing more will be heard of this gross injustice done to them.—Yours, etc.

"SON OF KARWAR".

Subordinate-Staff

Sir,—We appreciate the democratic spirit which prompted the Premier and other Ministers to meet the Secretariat staff including the menial staff at a tea party. May we request the Bombay Government to put this democratic spirit into concrete shape by extending the facilities granted to higher paid employees to the Subordinate Services also? For example, the officers enjoy concessions such as Mail charges, Water charges, Rest and Recreation, etc., etc., being borne by Government. The Central Government have at least granted one relief to all low paid staff viz. the concession of Privilege Ticket Order to all its employees once in a year when the Government servant goes on leave. This relief is being given from January 1, 1947. The Bombay Government have not, as yet thought fit to grant this relief to low paid servants, although they give publicity in papers that they are more generous than the Central Government.

—Yours, etc.

"A SUBORDINATE GOVERNMENT SERVANT".

Bombay Housing Accommodation

Sir,—On March 16, was greatly surprised to see a notice in the newspapers inviting applications for 48,3-room tenements in the Government Housing scheme at Goregaon. Why should Government find it necessary to invite fresh applications without first attending to the innumerable applications already before them awaiting disposal? And another surprise is the deposit amount of Rs. 50 which the Office of the Housing Commissioner requires from fresh applicants in the absence of which, applications will not be considered. This reminds me of my experience with the Controller of Accommodation with whom I was in correspondence and, to my utter surprise one day, I saw the doors of this big office closed for good!!

All my applications for housing accommodation to the several Government departments and others proved of no avail and I am to-day placed in such an awkward situation, it is beyond the scope of my comprehension to explain. Beyond an ordinary acknowledgment saying, "The matter is receiving attention", my applications did not convey to me any satisfactory news from the authorities and this is the way, I believe, applicants have to meet with their fate.

May I ask what guarantee the authorities will give applicants to secure housing accommodation on acceding to their request for a deposit of Rs. 50? At the same time, I feel this system of asking for deposits is vague and sounds inharmonious because such deposits are taken only when accommodation is available to tenants.

In my applications made to the several authorities for housing accommodation, I had informed them of the plight I was in for want of permanent accommodation for me and the members of my family in view of the fact that I was moving from one place to another, from friends residences to relatives, the sicknesses we were subject to and many other grievances, but my voice was not heard at all.

I sincerely hope some systematic measure will be taken by these concerned and the matter will be straightened-up at an early date.—Yours, etc.

A. R. V. IYER.

Grievances Of Homeopaths

Sir,— The public are well acquainted with the step-motherly attitude of the Bombay overnment towards Homeopathy. The Homoeopathic Enquiry Committee came to Bombay in Jan. '49. The Bombay Government decided to open a Homoeopathic Hospital. But the Government does not plan to register the qualified Homoeopaths who came into the field after 1940. Much agitation for this was carried on before the arrival of the Enquiry Committee. It was expected that the Bombay Medical Practitioners' Act of 1948 would be amended to give the necessary recognition and registration to Homoeopaths The Act has been amended as seen in the Bombay Government Gazette of 4th March 1949, but the clauses concerning Homoeopathy remain unchanged. Moreover the Government still pursues the same policy of prohibiting Homoeopathic practice by qualified Homoeopaths.

A MOMEO PATH.

INDO-CZECH TRADE PACT SIGNED

Will Be Published After Ratification By Both Governments

NEW DELHI, March 29 (API): A trade agreement between India and Czechoslovakia, aiming at the promotion of direct trade relations between the two countries, was signed in the Ministry of Commerce today by Mr. C. C. Desai Commerce Secretary, on behalf of India, and Mr. A. F. Biheller, Charge d'Affaires for Czechoslovakia on behalf of his country.

The value of the commodities forming part of the agreement is approximately Rs. 5 crores. Exports from India will consist mainly of raw jute, manganese ore, oilseeds and oils, silimanite, hides and skins, pepper, shellac, palamyra fibre, mica and tea, valued at about Rs. 1.7 crores. Exports from Czechoslovakia, which consist mostly of capital goods, are valued at Rs. 3.3 crores.

Some features of the agreement are that Czechoslovakia will make available to India technical personnel for setting up various industries, while India has been able to obtain an assurance that Indian ships will be allowed to carry a reasonable proportion of the trade between the two countries.

The agreement is subject to ratification by the Governments of India and Czechoslovakia. It will be made public after it has been ratified by both Governments.

The period of the agreement is the end of 1949, but some of the capital goods covered by the agreement will be supplied within 12 months from the date that orders are placed.

KANPUR PURSE FOR GANDHI FUND

KANPUR, March 29 (A.P.I.): The Kanpur Municipal Board today has decided to present a purse of Rs. 51,000 to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, for the Gandhi National Memorial fund.

He is expected to visit the city in the first week of April.

OUT AND ABOUT

A little brown bird, about the size of a sparrow, and very similar to this little bird in colouring, ran along the path near the house picking up tiny insects or seeds from the ground. I was, at first puzzled to identify it. It had a few flecks of dark brown on the buff-coloured breast, and reminded me a little of the English song thrush, But in RAN along the ground instead of hopping. At last it saw me and flew up into the branches of a nearby tree, and then I remembered an illustration I had seen in one of my bird books of an Indian Tree Pipit! When I looked it up in the book I found that my guess was correct, for the bird matched its description exactly. This little pipit, together with several other varieties, visits us during the winter months, and will shortly return to the North for the breeding season. The pipits are closely related to the wagtails and have the same habit of flicking their tails up and down as they run along the ground, and the same undulating flight when moving about from place to place.

D. R.

NEHRU ON INDIA'S ATTITUDE

"It Will Be In Conformity With Policy Laid Before Parliament"

NEW DELHI, March 29 (A.P.I): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister, announced in Parliament today that the chief subject for discussion at the Dominion Prime Ministers' conference to be held in London on April 21 will be "certain constitutional questions relating to the Commonwealth."

The conference is expected to last a week.

Pandit Nehru proposes to leave India on April 19, reaching London on the night of April 20 and hopes to return to India by the India beginning of May.

Pandit Nehru added that the general line to be pursued by India at these talks in London would necessarily be in conformity with the policy which he had repeatedly laid before the Indian Parliament and the country.

NEHRU'S STATEMENT

At the conclusion of the day's proceedings Pandit Nehru said: "I should like to make a brief statement in regard to a matter which is attracting a great deal of public attention, and in which this House is greatly interested. This is in regard to the proposed conference of Dominion Prime Ministers to be held in London next month.

"The suggestion to hold such a conference originated from the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom as he felt that personal talks between the Prime Ministers of the various Dominions of the Commonwealth would help to clear up the situation in regard to future constitutional arrangement.

"It is always a difficult matter to fix a date which is convenient for a number of persons on whom falls the burden of responsibility in their respective countries. Ultimately a date was fixed. It was not easy for me to think of leaving the country even for a brief period, but I decided, in consultation with my colleagues, to accept this invitation.

INDIA'S ATTITUDE

The chief subject of discussion will be certain constitutional questions relating to the Commonwealth. There has been some speculating in the press about other subjects also being discussed at this conference, but no other subject, so far as I know, has been included in the agenda. I need hardly add that the general line to be pursued by us at these talks in London will necessarily be in conformity with the policy, which I have repeatedly laid before this house and the country.

The House is aware that the U. K. Prime Minister has sent a personal representative of his, Mr. Gordon Walker, Under-Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations in the United Kingdom, to Delhi for some preliminary conversations on the subject. I have already met Mr Gordon Walker and expect to meet him again before he leaves Delhi.

Attlee Announces Meeting Of Commonwealth Premiers

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Asia and the general deterioration of the situation in certain parts of Asia.

Mr. Attlee replied that he preferred not to add anything to his statement.

The last conference of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers was in London last October. It was the first conference attended by the new Dominions of India, Pakistan and Ceylon.

Mr. Attlee later told the House of Commons that certain "confidential" proposals had been sent back to the various Governments for approval. These would be made known to the House in due course.

Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, said recently it would not be in the public interest to submit a report of the conference, because of the "contentious" nature of the discussions.

Before last October's conference the Dominion Prime Ministers had not met since April 1945. They met then in London to exchange views on the future United Nations, as a preliminary to the organisation conference at San Francisco.

It was announced in Ottawa tonight that Mr. Lester B. Pearson Canadian Minister for External Affairs, will represent Canada at the London meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

The Canadian Prime Minister's office said: "If developments occur which make it desirable for the Prime Minister (Mr. Louis St Laurent) to go to London subsequently, he will endeavour to fly over at once".

NAGPUR, Mar. 29, (A. P. I): The Central Provinces Government has received 90 claims on behalf of dependents and families of those who had lost their lives in the August 1942 "Quit India" movement.

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FOR FAILING to maintain standard scales and weights, G.J. Singh, (Chakkiwala), was sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment.

For preparing Samosas out of wheat, A.H. Chhaja, E. Kanmalla, E. Chhaja, T. H. Alladin and A. Nabibax were each sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment and fined Rs. 50 or in default to undergo one month's rigorous imprisonment.

For using steel contrary to the terms of the permit, M. H. Shah was sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and fined Rs. 4,000 or in default to undergo four months' rigorous imprisonment.

Anti-Tuberculosis Measures In Bombay

TWO HOSPITALS TO BE STARTED: KHER REVEALS STEPS TO FIGHT "WHITE PLAGUE"

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier, declared today that the Government of Bombay had decided to start two tuberculosis Hospitals in the Province during the first five-year period of the Post-War Reconstruction Programme.

Mr. Kher was addressing the annual general meeting of the Bombay Province Anti-Tuberculosis Association at the Town Hall. Three technicoloured films, depicting the battle against T.B. and other modern methods of maintaining good health of the individual and the province were also shown at the meeting.

AUNDH HOSPITAL SECURED

Mr. Kher said that as a result of their efforts, Government had secured a military hospital at Aundh, and the actual possession of hhe building had been taken over on March 4 last. It was expected that the Hospital would soon start functioning. Necessary equipment had been purchased, and the question of appointing the requisite staff was under Government's active consideration.

The Premier further revealed that Government had accepted a donation of Rs. three lakhs from Rao Bahadur Dharamdas Hargovandas for the construction of two hospitals at Nadiad, on certain conditions. One of these hospitals would be a T.B. Hospital. The construction work of these hospitals would be taken up as soon as the prices of the building materials had returned to normal.

Mr. Kher further announced that the ruler of one of the merged States in Gujarat had offered his Country House to be used as a T.B. Sanatarioum. Government was considering this offer.

T.B. CLINICS

Government had also sanctioned, continued the Premier, the opening of a T.B. Clinic in the present outpatient department of the J.J. Group of Hospitals, pending the construction of a separate building in the compound to house the new clinic. Government had decided that every Civil Hospital in the province must have a T.B. Clinic and a T.B. Ward with accommodation for about ten beds, attached to it.

Special wards for treatment of T.B. patients existed at the J. J. and the G. T. Hospitals in the city, and some of the Civil Hospitals in the districts. Government had also sanctioned the opening of T.B. Clinics at Ahmedabad, Surat, Nasik, Poona, Sholapur, Belgaum, Thana, Ahmednagar, Jalgaon, Dhulia, Bijapur Dharwar and Godhra.

SUPPORT TO PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS

Outlining the Government's policy with regard to T B, the Premier said that for the treatment of T.B., were inthe existing and the proposed acilities for the treament of T.B., were insufficient to meet the needs of the province. Government therefore had decided to support, deserving cases the existing facilities for the treatment of the T.B. patients, povided by private institutions. As a step in this direction, it was proposed to give a recurring grant of Rs. 42,000—equal to the cost of maintenance of 50 free patients—to Wanless T. B. Sanatorium at Wanless Wadi, which was a free Missionary Institute of repute, from next year.

B.C.G. VACCINATION

Mr. Kher went on to point out that with a view to introducing the B.C.G. vaccination in the city, a Sub-Committee was appointed to drew up a scheme, to start with, Government had already sanctioned three medical units. They had also accepted a foreign team for rendering aid to mass vaccination against tuberculosis. The team had already commenced its work in Bombay and two local teams were posted to work under its guidance. The foreign team would be staying in Bombay for six months. Government had also sanctioned certain facilities to their servants suffering from T.B.

Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Health, who presided stated that very little notice was taken of the fell-disease (tuberculosis), which killed nearly five lakhs of people every year in the country. It therefore behoved them all to take drastic steps for the prevention of the "white plague."

CALL FOR DONATIONS

Dr. J. A. Colaco, ex-Mayor of Bombay said that every day nearly 30 persons died of T.B. in the city. He believed that concerted action was needed for tackling the problem successfuly. He congratulated Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas for his generous donation of Rs. 10,000 to the Association, and appealed to others to contribute liberall for such a noble cause.

The annual report and the audited statement of account of the Association were adopted at the meeting.

Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier, was re-elected as the President of the Association. Dr. M. D. D. Gilder and Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas were re-elected as the vice-presidents.

Famine Conditions In Gujerat Under Control

AHMEDABAD, March 29 (A.P.I.): Famine conditions in Gujerat are well under control, it was officially learned here today.

Mr. U. M. Mirchandani, Revenue Commissioner in charge of famine relief, is touring the affected areas arranging for relief and doles wherever necessary. Government have not set any limit to the number of relief works to be opened or doles to be given, it was stated.

Local procurement of foodgrains is also satisfactory, it was added.

U. N. COMMISSION ARRIVES IN DELHI

Will Discuss India's Proposals On Truce In Kashmir

NEW DELHI, March 29. (API)—Representatives of the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan including M. Robert Van De Kerchove and Dr. Alfredo Lozano, Chairman and vice-Chairman respectively and Lt.-Col. Devoie, Commission's Military Adviser, arrived here today after a three-day visit to Karachi where they met the Pakistan Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan in connection with the Truce Agreement.

The Commission will meet here tomorrow to discuss India's Truce proposals submitted to the Commission last night. The sub-Committee of the Commission who had returned here two days ago after conclusion of their tour of Azad Kashmir will also report to the Commission tomorrow about the administrative conditions in that territory.

The Commission will leave for Rawalpindi shortly. But before they leave, they may hold joint discussions with Indian and Pakistan representatives in an attempt to reconcile the differing points between India and Pakistan with regard to the Truce Agreement.

As regards India's demand for the disbandment of the Azad Kashmir forces, which appears to be the main hurdle to a Truce Agreement, a spokesman of the U. N. Commission said today that the position would be clear in the light of the Sub-Committee's report on Azad Kashmir.

FOOT BALL PLAYERS IN FREE FIGHT

Half A Dozen Injured In Calcutta Clash

CALCUTTA, March 29. (API)—About half a dozen persons were injured today in a clash between members of two rival football clubs in north Calcutta.

The quarrel was over a missing football and despite a settlement reached last evening, a member of one club was assaulted by members of the rival group this morning. This led to a free fight in which soda water bottles and brickbats were used.

The police restored order and arrested three persons.

Burma Air Force Hits Rebel Headquarters

RANGOON, March 29 (PTI- Reuter): Burma Air Force planes scored direct hits on oil dumps last night starting big fires when they raided Karen insurgent headquarters at Tourgoo, midway between Rangoon and Mandalay.

An official statement today announcing this said other aircraft simultaneously bombed Communist headquarters near Pyinmana about 60 miles north of Toungoo.

It added that Karen concentrations at Hanza village, near Thazi, important railway junction south of Mandalay, were heavily pounded.

FLOOD MENACE IN QUEENSLAND

Hundreds Of Townships Isolated

SYDNEY, March 29. (PTI-Reuter)—The town of Cunnamulla, in South-West Queensland, has been evacuated because of menacing flood waters.

Hundreds of townships and homesteads throughout Western Queensland are isolated or threatened with isolation as a result of the floods which have inundated vast areas of the country during the past three weeks after torrential rains.

Two thousand sheep were drowned on one farm.

'ROUAN THREATENED DISCLOSURE OF GUN-RUNNING'

El Edroos Narrates Story Behind Sydney Cotton's Employee's Detention

HYDERABAD, (Dn)., March 29, (API):— Major-General El Edroos, former Commander of the Hyderabad Army said today that on instructions from Mir Laik Ali, former Hyderabad Premier, he had sent F. H. Rouan, Ground Engineer in Sydney Cotton's Organisation, to Bidar for "safe custody".

Major-General El Edroos, who was giving evidence before the Court Martial trying Brigadier Syed Habib Ahmed on a charge of abetment of Rouan's murder, said that if Rouan had escaped and revealed the gun-running from Pakistan to Hyderabad in the pre-Police Action days, that disclosure might have interfered with the transport of arms into Hyderabad. This would have affected the policy and programme of the then Hyderabad Government.

The former Hyderabad Commander also stated that if Rouan had remained alive after the Police Action and disclosed details of gun-running operations the former Hyderabad Government would have been held responsible for all these actions.

Stating that he had personally nothing to do with bringing arms or with Sydney Cotton or his Organisation, witness said he did not make enquiries about what happened to Rouan after the Police Action as he was under the impression that all Sydney Cotton's men who had entered Hyderabad had left during the Police Action.

ROUAN'S THREAT

Rouan was brought to him in June last year by Major Gowher who told him that Rouan had threatened to make disclosures about the transport of arms to Hyderabad and that Rouan had been brought to Hyderabad from Karachi in order to prevent him from doing so.

Major Gowher had further told him that Mir Laik Ali's orders were that Rouan should be kept under watch.

Major El Edroos said he had Rouan accordingly sent to be handed over to the battalion there for safe custody. Rouan was also not to be allowed to contact outsiders.

After a fortnight, it was reported to witness that a man masquerading in uniform was found in battalion Lines at Bidar. When questioned the man said he had been employed as a guide to a party who were looking for Rouan. Witness had then ordered that extra precautions should be taken against Rouan's escape.

Major General El Edroos stated that he never saw Rouan after Major Gowher brought him to witness in June. He had issued no orders concerning Rouan after the start of the Police Action, nor was Rouan's name mentioned to him by anyone during the police action.

"HAVE I DONE MY DUTY" WEEK

1,500 Volunteers & Sevikas To Go Round City

BOMBAY, Tuesday:

Over 1500 Congress volunteers and Desh Sevikas will go round the city for door-to-door collections for the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund in the "Have I done my duty?" Week commencing on April 5.

At a meeting of Congress workers of the city held this evening at Congress House to chalk out plans for the week, it was decided to divide the city into different zones according to "Ward" District Congress Committee All the Presidents and Secretaries of "Ward" District Congress Committees Taluka Committees, Congress Municipal Corporators, Congress M. L. As, mehbers of the BPCC were entrusted with the task of the organising the campaign to swell the collections to the Fund.

Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the BPCC, presiding over the meeting stated that the collections in the city apart from organised industries amounted to about Rs. 35,00,000 so far, while four to five lakhs have to be received by the Bombay Committee of the Gandhi Memorial Fund.

The target fixed was at least Rs. 1,00,00,000 and in the coming few weeks, they had to concentrate all their efforts in collecting at least Rs. 50,00,000, thus, honouring the pledge given to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Chairman of the All-India Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund, during his recent visit to the city.

SUBBALAXMI, MUSIC RECITAL

Mr. Patil suggested several ways of speeding up the collections to the Fund. A proposal to fix up a musical concert of the well-known South Indian singer, Shrimati Subbalaxmi, in the city during her visit on April 23 was also mooted by Mr. Patil. All the Cinema Houses and Theatres in the city will be approached by the B.P.C.C. and the Bombay Committee of the All-India Gandhi Memorial Fund to donate the collections of at least one day, namely Sunday, April 10, to the Fund. Similarly, school students will be organised to lend weight to the campaigh by the school Headmasters Committee recently set up at the a meeting of prominent educationists in the city and will be assisted in the task by the Students Committee of the BPCC. Labour Unions and Hindustan Mazdoor Sevak Sangh will also help in the collection work.

Mr. Patil appealed to all Congress workers to devote their maximum effort for the collections and he hoped with their enthusiastic co-operation and co-ordination of efforts, they would be able to fulfil their pledge given to Rajen Babu.

The meeting was attended by the Mayor of Bombay, Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas, Mr. Purushottam Thakkar General Secretary of the BPCC., Mr. P. K. Savant, Secretary of the Bombay Committee of the All-India Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Fund, Mr Nathalal Parekh, Secretary of the Congress Municipal Party, Mr. Ganapati Shankar Desai and other prominent Congress workers of the city.

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DUTCH PREPARED FOR TALKS WITH REPUBLICANS

U. N. Commission In Indonesia Informed Of Decision: Van Royen To Lead Delegation

THE HAGUE, March 29. (PTI-Reuter)—The Netherlands Government today informed the United Nations Commission for Indonesia that it is prepared to participate in the preliminary discussions with the Indonesian Republicans, as proposed by the Security Council on March 23.

Acceptance was notified in a letter today from the Acting Chairman of the Netherlands negotiating delegation in Indonesia to the Chairman of the Commission.

It added that the Dutch Government intended to appoint Dr. J. H. Van Royen, Netherlands Ambassador to Ottawa, to lead the Netherlands delegation at the talks.

"The Netherlands Government would appreciate Dr. Van Royen's participation in the discussions from the outset", the letter said.

"It is therefore suggested that the first meeting be postponed until Dr. Van Royen's arrival in Batavia.

"He would leave at an early date and the Commission would be advised as soon as the date of his arrival was known", it concluded.

NETHERLAND'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Batavia announcement of the Netherlands decision said the Government noted "that it is the sense of the Security Council that the suggested discussions will be held without prejudicing the rights, claims and positions of the parties".

"Consequently they will not prejudice the responsibility of the Netherlands for freedom and order in Indonesia".

Indonesian delegates had earlier requested facilities to consult Jogjakarta Republicans before deciding whether or not to join in the preliminary discussions and it was evident that they could not begin tomorrow as the Indonesia Commission had suggested.

'Corridor' In Indonesia

REPUBLICAN DEMAND FOR RESTORING TRADE WITH ASIA

BANGKOK, March 29. (PTI-Reuter)—The Indonesian Republic today asked for a "temporary Corridor" in Indonesia to help restore barter trade with the rest of Asia and the Pacific zone.

The request was made by Indonesian delegate, R. Utoyo, at a Bangkok meeting of the United Nations Economic Council for Asia and the East.

He said the Corridor was essential if Indonesia was to receive this year's allocation of 20,000 tons of rice from the International Emergency Food Council.

The Dutch blockade of Indonesian ports before last December's resumption of hostilities had prevented the Republic from receiving communications and reconstruction materials, he added.

The Republic would never submit to Dutch economic controls, Mr. Utoyo declared.

MADRAS CONGRESS LEGISLATURE PARTY LEADERSHIP

Subbaroyan Decides To Oppose Ramaswami Reddiar; Premier's Plea For Unity

MADRAS, March 29. (U.P.I.): Dr. Subbarayan, former Home Minister of Madras, who resigned a few months back due to some difference of opinion with Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar, Premier and Leader of the Congress Legislature Party has decided to contest the election for the leadership of the Party against Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar, the present leader who also seeks re-election.

CONGRESSMEN'S TALKS

After today's meeting of the Congress Legislature Party, a large number of Congress M.L.As stated to be supporters of Dr. P. Subbarayan's leadership, gathered at the residence of Mr. T. Prakasam and discussed the impending leadership election. Messrs. N. G. Ranga and Nijalingappa, Presidents of the Andhra Provincial Congress Committee and Karnataka Provincial Congress Committee respectively, joined the discussion. Dr. Subbarayan was also present.

Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar, Premier, who is seeking re-election, met Mr. Prakasam in the evening and requested him to persuade Dr. Subbarayan not to contest for the leadership of the Party.

Mr. Prakasam is understood to have expressed his inability to comply with Mr. Reddiar's requests. Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar when met by pressmen said that he had not received any letter of resignation from any of his Cabinet colleagues. This observation was made when he was appraised of the rumour that some of his colleagues had sent their resignations.

PREMIER'S APPEAL

An impassioned plea for unity in the ranks of the Party in the greater interests of the country was made by Mr. O. P. Ramaswamy Reddiar, Premier and Leader of the Party, making a lengthy statement at a special meeting of the Madras Congress Legislature Party, held here this evening. He also assured them of his sincere and honest work in the discharge of his onerous responsibility and pleaded for clearing all misunderstandings.

The meeting was convened preliminary to the statutory meeting to be held on March 31 to elect the leader of the Party.

As soon as the Premier made his statement, Mr. K. R. Karanth objected to the statement on the ground that it contained many controversial points. But the Leader, without giving the members an opportunity to have their say, terminated the meeting.

Well-informed circles suggest that Mr. Reddiar, Mr. M. Bhakthavatsalam a member of the Cabinet, and Dr. P. Subbarayan (a former Minister) may contest the election for Leadership, which will take place on March 31. However, group negotiations are proceeding in this connection.

Communist Underground Activities In Bihar

PATNA, March 29, (A. P. I.): Mr. Sri Krishna Sinha, the Bihar Premier told the Bihar Assembly today that Communists were carrying on "underground activities" in the Jharia coalfield area. The Communists had a hold on and controlled a number of labour unions there.

Mr. Sinha however declined in public interest to reveal the nature of their activities or, the names of the unions involved or their strength.

Stop Press

SEWING THREADS FOR PAKISTAN

NEW DELHI, March 29, (API):— The Government of India has decided to allow exports of sewing thread of indigenous manufacture to Pakistan under a quota system. Exports will be permitted by bona-fide manufacturers, says a Press Note.

U.S. PROTEST TO PRAGUE

PRAGUE, March 29, (PTI-Reuter): The United States Embassy here today sent a note of protest to the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry about the sentences for espionage on two American soldiers announced earlier.

CHINESE PEACE TALKS

NANKING, March 29, (PTI-Reuter):— The appointment of General Liu Fei, former Chinese vice-Minister of National Defence, as sixth member of the Nationalist delegation to peace talks with the Communists was officially announced here tonight.

U. S. SOLDIERS SENTENCED FOR ESPIONAGE

PRAGUE, March 29 (UPA): The Czech Government announced that two American soldiers who entered Czechoslovakia from Germany had been sentenced to 10 and 12 years imprisonment on charges of espionage

HEAVY FIGHTING FOR BURMESE RAIL TOWN

RANGOON, March 29, (PTI-Reuter): Heavy fighting between Government forces and rebels is raging at Okkan, a railway town 70 miles north-west of Rangoon, an official "communique" stated tonight.

Government reinforcements have been rushed to Okkan which the rebels entered last night against stiff resistance. Fighting going on inside the town, the "communique" added.

The "communique" also reported a three-day battle between Government forces and combined Karen Communist forces at Kayaiklat, a river centre in the Irrawaddy Delta, forty miles south-west of Rangoon.

Rebel forces had infiltrated into the town and set fire to several buildings including the market, the "communique" stated, adding that 100 rebels had been killed in the battle.

It was officially learned tonight that Burma Air Force planes bombed and strafed Seminary Hill, a Karen stronghold at Insein, ten miles north of Rangoon.

14 "SURPLUS" CLOTH SHOPS IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Fourteen "surplus" cloth shops will be opened by the Government of Bombay in April it is reliably learnt.

These shops will sell coarse cloth not purchased by cloth coupon-holders and which has thus been left unsold. The shops will also sell towels and clothing not generally included among the varieties of rationed cloth.

A Government spokesman told a representative of this paper that the rationed quantum of cloth will be increased from 20 yards to 30 yards. Government have decided on this step in view of the fact that considerable quantity of cloth has remained unsold as coupon-holders were reluctant to buy it.

It is however to be borne in mind that this increased quantity will be given to the people of the province only for a temporary period. As soon as the surplus stock is cleared the ration will be reduced.

People IN THE NEWS

Government House News

BOMBAY, March 29.

The Governor of Bombay inaugurated the All India Plastics Manufacturers' Conference at the Taj Mahal Hotel where he was received by Raja Ramdeoji Podar, President of the Conference.

Rani Maharaj Singh received Shri Shewak Bhojraj, Mrs. Rustomji and Mrs. P. A. Narielwala.

Rani Maharaj Singh attended the Annual General Meeting of the Society for the Protection of Children in Western India held at the Municipal Corporation Hall.

The Governor attended the finals of the Invitation Hockey Tournament on the Bombay Gymkhana ground.

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SARDAR FOR JAIPUR

NEW DELHI, March 29, (API):— The Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, left for Jaipur this evening to inaugurate the Greater Rajasthan Union tomorrow.

Mr. V. P. Menon, Adviser, States Ministry, Mr. M. K. Vellodi, Secretary States Ministry, Mr. N. M. Buch and Mr. A. B. Chatterjee, Joint Secretaries of States Ministry, also left for Jaipur this evening.

L. M. PATIL FOR SHOLAPUR

Mr. L. M. Patil, Minister for Excise and Reconstruction, will inaugurate two Taluka Agricultural Conferences in Sholapur district on Saturday, April 2. He will inaugurate the Mohal Taluka Agricultural conference, Shedbal in the morning and the Madha Taluka Agricultural Conference, at Kavhe, in the afternoon.

The Minister will leave Bombay, for Shedbal and Kavhe, via Kurduwadi, on April 1 and return on April 3.

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MR. JAIRAMDAS DAULATRAM

BANGALORE, March 29, (API):— Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram India's Food Minister, who yesterday inaugurated the International Forestry and Timber Utilisation Conference for Asia and the Pacific, left for New Delhi.

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MR. GULZARILAL NANDA

Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Minister for Labour and Housing, will leave Ahmedabad for Bombay on Tuesday night and arrive here on Wednesday morning. (According to the original programme, the Minister was to return on Thursday, March 31.)

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MR. HENRY OSBORNE

NEW DELHI, March 29, (API)— Mr. Henry Osborne, Member of the British Parliament and a Crusader for a World Government met Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister, here yesterday and placed his views on the setting up of a world federal Government.

Earlier in the afternoon, Mr. Osborne visited Rajghat and laid a wreath on Mahatma Gandhi's Samadhi.

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Mr. B. Shiva Rao

MADRAS, March 29. (A.P.I.): Mr. B. Shiva Rao, a member of the Indian delegation to the U.N.O, left Madras this morning for Bombay by plane. He will fly to-night from Bombay to London enroute to New York to attend the adjourned session of the U.N. Assembly on fifth April at Lake Success.

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KHAN AHSAN ULLAH

NEW DELHI, March 29, (API)— Khan Ahsan Ullah, Trade Commissioner for Jammu and Kashmir, Government in India, left by air for Srinagar this morning.

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MRS. ETHEL MANNIN

MADRAS, March 29. (API)—Mrs. Ethel Mannin, the famous English novelist accompanied by her daughter Miss Jean Porteous arrived in Madras this evening from Nagpur.

Mrs. Mannin, who is on a tour of India, will spend a few days in the City before leaving for Mysore.

Communist Detenue Re-arrested

CALICUT, March 29, (A. P. I.): M. K. Gopalan, one of the nine Communist detenus, who recently escaped from the Cannanore Central Jail, has been re-arrested.

NAGPUR, Mar. 29, (A. P. I.): A State-sponsored aluminium factory is to be located in Korba in Bilaspur District, instead of the originally chosen site in Katni-Jubbulpore area. Giving this information, the C. P. Minister for Industries, Dr. K. Mehta, told the C. P. Assembly that the new site would have the advantage of having close by it a Government operated coal mine to be operated shortly and also good quality bauxite from Government mines in this area.

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FOR SELLING bread unauthorisedly and profiteering therein, A. Mohamed was sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment.

For possessing individual ration card and bread tickets unauthorisedly, P. V. Gala was sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and fined Rs. 2,500 or in default to undergo six months' rigorous imprisonment.

For selling wholemilk tea and storing wholemilk at hotel premises, A. Warsi and S. Murtaza were each sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and fined Rs. 160 and Rs. 120 respectively.

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

ACTIVE COVERING IN TATA STEELS AFTER EARLY DECLINE

BOMBAY, March 29.

The Bombay Stock Exchange opened quiet and under renewed selling prices registered moderate declines. At the decline ther ewas increased short covering which wiped out the earlier losses and the market displayed steady tone.

Tata Steel Defd. shares opened at Rs. 1477 and declined at Rs. 1460 which was the lowest level reached last year on 1st April. At this level there was better support which in conjunction with short covering improved Defd. shares at Rs. 1482. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 285 and steadied at Rs. 287. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 960 and after declining at Rs. 942 advanced at Rs. 955. Kohinoors were done at Rs. 292 while Scindia shares were quoted at Rs. 16/3.

Later on there was further covering which hardened Tata Steel Defd shares at Rs. 1490 while Ordinary shares were done at Rs. 287/8, Indian Irons were done at Rs. 24/1 and Bengal Steels changed hands at Rs. 20/4.

Bombay Dyeings were quoted at Rs. 955, Central India and Gokaks were quoted at Rs 242/8 and at Rs. 288/12 respectively. Kohinoors were done at Rs. 293/2 and Simplex shares stood at Rs 182, Swadeshi Mills were quoted at Rs 292/8

Associated Cements were quoted at Rs 145/10 while Beliapurs were quiet at Rs 211/14, Scindias were done at Rs. 16/4 and Bombay Burmas were quoted at Rs. 274/8. Closing tone of the market was steady.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES		
Bombay Dyeing (12-8)	950	0
Kohinoor Mill (6)	292	0
Swadeshi Mills (22)	294	8
Central India Mills (4)	243	0
Simplex Mills (8)	181	0
New Great Eastern (8)	161	0
Indore (9 plus 3)	161	4
Gokak Mills (20)	287	8
Century Spinning (16)	256	4
Colaba (12)	148	0
India Bleaching (6)	152	0
Swan Mills (20)	330	0
Finlay Mills (15)	280	0
Morarji Gokuldas	456	4
Edward Sassoon (30) XR	226	0
Meyer (12)	110	0
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 15	6
India United Ord (0-12-9)	11	3
India United Defd.	1 9	6
Madhusudan Mill (15)	180	10
Podar (8)	141	4
Khatau Makanji (8)	202	8
Indore Coupon	86	0
STEEL SHARES		
Tata Steel Ord (14)	256	8
Tata Steel Defd (64-15)	1477	8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	140	0
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (6)	146	0
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (12-8)	270	0
Belapur Sugar (9)	213	8
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	29	0
Scindia Steam (0-9)	16	3
Premier Construction	115	0
Tata Chemical	12	0
Tata Oil (2)	63	12
Indian Iron (0-12)	24	3
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	20	6
British India Corp. (0-11)	8	2
I. Copper	2	2
Wimco	188	12
Alcock	263	12
Belapur Coupon	54	0
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Tata Power (50)	1540	0
Andhra Valley (45)	1435	0
Tata Hydro	153	0
Bombay Burma New (3)	108	2
Burma Petrol	1 5	9
Mackenzie (6)	88	0
Port Canning (3)	65	0
Kemp and Co. (30)	640	0
Kemp and Co. (New)	462	8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150	0
Industrial Invest Trust (4)	93	0
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	36	0
Mukund Iron	10	0
Dena Trust (0-12)	18	0
Alembic (15)	197	8
Supreme India X.R.	. . .	
Jam Wire (6)	67	4
Bombay Uganda	60	0
Bombay Motor Cycle	34	0
Indian Cement (1937)	26	0
Walchand Nagar Industries (P.S.)	148	12
Associated Cement New (1-4)	141	0
United Motor	70	0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880	0
Hydary Construction	19	10
Mahmadi Steam	96	0
Gujarat Motor	20	0
Sardar Carbolic X.D.	700	0
Harvey Press	210	0
Estrela Batteries	51	0
Manmad Press	120	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6)	195	0
Andhra Valley (7)	1212	8
Tata Power (7-8)	1275	0
Hydro Electric (7)	126	4
Bombay Steamer (8)	208	8
Central India (5)	625	0
Swadeshi Mills	126	4
Vishnu Mills (7)	646	4
Lakshmi Mills	275	0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227	8
Podar Mills (4)	108	0
Shrinivas Mills	98	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	115	0
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	210	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145	0
Premier Construction 1st (61-4)	118	0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	100	0
Amalgamated (5-8)	122	2
Habib	72	0
Tata Chemical (5)	125	0
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	130	0
Jupiter General	19	14
Supreme	100	0
Meyer	121	4
Mackenzie 1st	85	0
Mackenzie 2nd	80	0
Ahmedabad Advance	122	8
Mysore Mills	50	0
Standard Mills	101	0
Madhusudan Mills	12	0
Khatar Mills	102	8
Morarji	108	0
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952 (4)	103	8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101	10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	106	0
Walchand Nagar (6)	112	0
Tata Power 1951	103	0
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2	7
New Victoria Mill	2	8
New Victoria Mills (Pref.)	5	0
Phalton Sugar (8) X.D.	110	0
Gold Mohur (20)	302	8
New Kaiser-Hind	360	0
Sajjan Mills (20)	140	0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	280	0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	275	0
Air Service XR	7	8
Air India	100	0
Hind Motor	4	9
Indian Steam	7	15

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS		
Elphinstone Mills (5)	65	0
Phoenix Mills (50) XR	205	0
India Manufacturing	—	
Kooria Mills (8)	120	0
New City Mills (110)	180	0
Minerva	120	8
Bradbury	587	8
Bharat Mills (2)	33	4
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	4	13
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	172	8
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	14	4
Model Mills (12-8)	190	0
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	606	4
Vishnu Cotton (8)	203	12
Western India ((40)	4070	0
Standard (15)	225	0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3300	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	9	12
Hindustan Mills (40)	4225	0
Tata Mills (3)	58	0
Ahmedabad Advance Old (6)	258	12
Ahmedabad Advance New	195	0
Sassoon Silk (3)	77	8
New Union Mills (0-8)	9	0
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35	0
Srinivas Mills (8)	160	0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	78	12
Berar Mills	280	0
Victoria Mills	225	0
Colaba Land Coupon	42	0
New Great	156	0
ELECTRICS (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	126	4
Ahmedabad New	18	12
Surat Electricity (2-8)	142	8
Karachi Electric (2)	131	4
Broach (0-6)	10	10
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	8
Amalgamated	12	8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26	8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	146	4
Bombay Suburban (3)	162	8
Bombay Suburban (3) XD	152	8
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1875	0
Imperial Bank of India P.P. (8-12)	461	4
Central Bank	87	0
Central Bank New (1-8)	85	8
Bank of India (4) XD	193	8
Union (0-8)	7	13
Bank of Baroda (2-8)	138	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	45	0
United Commercial	54	8
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	35	8
Hindustan Commercial	26	12
Mysore Bank (8)	365	0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	22	0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105	0
INSURANCE		
Oriental (125) X.D.	4200	0
Empire (10)	625	0
New India (1-8)	60	8
Jupiter (1-4)	17	8
Vulcan (0-10)	11	14
Indian Mercantile (2)	36	0
Universal (0-4)	11	4
B. I. G. (1)	19	1
Industrial and Prudential	29	8
Neptune	7	0
New Great	25	0
All-India General	15	2
RAILWAY SHARES		
C. P. (1-14)	111	4
Pachora Jamner Rly (2-8)	120	4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Bombay Steamer (10)	292	8

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, March 29.

There was no official forward business to-day on the local cotton market as quotations were above the ceiling levell.

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton May contract is 825 cent points below New York May at Exchange rate 331.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON.

ALEXANDRIA, Mar. 28.

Karnak May	67.20+50
Karnak November	60.35—105
Asimouni June	46.95+70
Asimouni Oct.	46.95+70

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, March 29.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	7	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	5	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	10	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	9	0
2 3/4 per cent 1960	99	7	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	0	0
2 3/4 per cent 1976	97	14	0
3 per cent non-terminable	98	1	0
3 per cent 1986 Con.	100	1	0
3 per cent 1949-52	100	8	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	2	0
3 per cent 1953-55	101	7	0
3 per cent 1957	101	1	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	2	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	1	0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	100	1	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	1	0
4 per cent 1960-70	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	103	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60	111	10	0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-58	114	4	0
PROVINCIAL LOANS			
2 3/4 per cent U.P. 1961	98	0	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	98	0	0
3 per cent Punjab 1949	98	8	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	12	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	12	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	10	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	8	0
3 per cent C.P. 1952	100	8	0
3 per cent N. W. F. 1952	99	10	0
3 per cent U. P. 1961-66	100	0	0
4 per cent Bombay Municipality	110	8	0
5 per cent Bom Muni 1959	114	8	0
6 per cent Bom Muni 1954	114	8	0
3 1/4 per cent Bom Muni 1977	100	14	0

NEW YORK PEPPER PRICES

NEW YORK, March 28.

Although dullness prevailed in the spot market, sellers maintained a stubborn price attitude at last week's highs with the price quoted at 96 cents nom for black and $1.15 for white.

Limited Indian offerings and small spot supplies locally available continued to be the dominating influences.

Supplies on nearby steamers were held around 92 cents per pound. March shipment prices ranged between 89 and 90 cents and May prices between 86 and 87 cents per pound, compared with the previous prices of 90 cents and 87 cents per pound respectively.

Closing prices on the Produce Exchange included:

May 83; July 76; September 75; October 60; December 52; January 49; and March 46.

LONDON PEPPER STRONG

LONDON, March 28.

The pepper market turned strong in London today with Singapore quoting white papper at 5/1 and black at four shillings and one-half penny. The previous prices were 5/- and 4/- respectively.

Malabar on London basis was nominally quoted at 460/-.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, March 28.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p c	80-1/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	105-7/8
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113-3/8
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	104-1/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg.	103-1/2
National Bank of India	37-3/8

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at £943.

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, March 28.

T. T. London on:

	SELLING	BUYING
New York	4.0275	4.0325
Montreal	4.0275	4.0325
Zurich	17.34	17.
Stockholm	14.47 to 14.50	

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE, March 28.

White Muntok was today quoted at SS$274 and Black Lampong at SS$219. While the prices remained unchanged the market ruled firm but quiet.

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, March 29.

There being active manipulation in Indore market, Spot silver price is keeping nearly Rs. 10 above Vaishakh delivery.

It is said that Bull operators are insisting deliveries against sales in Indore market and shorts are badly caught. The settlement of outstanding Indore contracts will be over tomorrow. Thereafter it is general anticipated that spot and forward silver quotations will work on reasonable parity.

To-day forward silver opened at Rs. 172 and after declining at Rs. 171/12 advanced at Rs. 172/8. Ready silver was quoted at Rs. 183.

Vaishakh gold opened at Rs. 106/12 and after declining at Rs. 106/6 steadied at Rs. 106/8. Ready gold was quoted at a premium of Rs. 2 at Rs. 108/6 while sovereigns were done at Rs. 72/4.

Final quotations were as under:

Ready Silver Mint	185	0	0
Ready Silver Bullion	175	0	0
Silver Vaishakh Dely.	172	10	0
Ready Gold	108	14	0
Gold Vaishakh Dely.	106	14	0
Sovereigns	72	6	0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, March 28.

American Telephone and Telegraph	145-3/4
Amerex Holding Co.	26-3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	31
Chase National Bank	35-7/8
Sinclair Oil Co.	21-7/8
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	48-1/2
General Electric Co.	37-5/8
General Motors	59-1/4
Ingersol Rand	60-1/8
International Nickel	28-5/8
National City Bank of New Work	40
New York Central Rail Road Co.	11-1/8
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-1/8
Texas Corporation	53-5/8
Union Carbide	39-1/4
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	41-1/2
U. S. Steel Corporation (Common)	72-1/2
Western Union Telegraph	15-1/8

NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK, March 28.

U. S. Price of Foreign Silver 71-1/2 cents

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, March 28.

Silver Spot and Forward both 43-1/2d

Gold bars fine per oz. £8/12/3

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, March 28.

London: Australian Wheat new crop 96 March/April

CHICAGO WHEAT

CHICAGO, March 28.

May	2.15
July	1.91-7/8
September	1.91-1/4
December	1.92-1/4

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, March 29.

There was restricted business to-day in Groundnuts and Linseed markets while Castorseeds suffered further decline on unloading by bull operators.

Castorseeds May delivery opened today at Rs. 138/8 and after declining at Rs. 137/0 advanced at Rs. 138/4. There was further active buying and the market advanced at Rs. 139/8. Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Khandesh quality	39	4	0
Coromandal	38	12	0
Bold ready	38	0	0
Bold Feb-March	38	2	0
Bold April-May	38	4	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
May delivery	139	8	0
Ready	28	0	0
LINSEEDS—			
Ready	29	5	0
Feb-March	29	6	0
April-May	29	1	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready	21	6	0
Ready receipts	21	4	0
March	21	4	0
April	21	4	0
May	21	6	0
June	21	8	0
Linseed Oil	16	0	0
Castorseeds oil first pressing quality	19	0	0
Castorseed oil commercial quality	17	0	0

WORTH STREET MARKET SLOW

NEW YORK, March 28.

Worth Street market started the week at a usual slow pace. Cotton wool and burlap and distributor's synthetic fabrics continued to mark time awaiting further developments in the retail field. Some cotton goods converters expressed doubts over the effectiveness of price guarantees recently offered on finished dress fabrics. Pointing out that the guarantees had not been extended to gray goods they also contended the necessity to offer guarantees implied fear of a further possible price recessions. The slacking demand for spot and nearby slackening demand for idea among some observers that the demand for cotton goods needed for the spring season promotion may have reached its peak. Osnaburg handlers noted a letdown in inquiries from coating and tabletop traders as well as from bag trade and wool fabric distributors reported the maintenance of a close buying policy among garment cutters.

NEW YORK SEED PRICES

NEW YORK, March 28.

The following were prices of seeds on the New York Market today: Castorseeds $105 nom, Cottonseeds $60 nom, Flaxseed $6.00, Linseed oil 27.6, Groundnuts 17.50-.75, Groundnut oil 10.5/8 cents.

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, March 29.

s.s. MEREDITH VICTORY

To New York—50 cases springs; 300

To New York—50 cases spings; 300 bags lithophone; 125 drums dieselfuel-oil; 51 cases steel files; 83 cases carbon electrodes; 230 bdls. ice canes; 176 cases autoparts; 52 drums kolystron powder; 1150 pkgs. agricultural insectiside; 543 boras powdered milk; 41 coils plain iron wire; 201 bdls. projector carbon; 62 pcs. structural steel; 68 bags tractors; 78 bales truck cheese

From New Orleans—64 crates wood pulps board; 1131 bags powdered glucose; 33 bdls. steel bars; 250 drums diesel oil; 161 drums diesel fuel oil; 538 ctns. lubricating oil.

From Houston Texas—500 drums transformer oil; 238 drums resin.

s.s. KAWARTHADARK

From Liverpool—225 bdls. sledge hammers; 67 bags fine white crystals; 100 bags sulphate of copper; 93 bags blue; 200 cases bottled beer; 85 cases furniture fittings; 200 cases disinfectant; 158 cases writing ink; 200 ctns valve grinding paste; 120 drums altramarine blue; 234 ctns. tumblers; 150 ctns. glass tumblers; 150 ctns. glass tumblers; 400 bags deluge; 100 psc. wheels and axles; 50 loose diamond tip; 50 ctns. nestee; 300 bags sulphate of amonia; 32 cases nitric acid, 150 bags wheatable powder; 107 cases enamelled copper wire; 4700 bags biccarbonate of soda; 80 boxes carbo phosphoric acid; 107 cases wheel tops; 180 cases window glass; 44 trucks waste paper; 40 pkgs. citric acid; 264 cases biscuits; 133 cases aluminum circles; 250 cases glazed tiles; 201 bags glazed broken tiles; 400 drums boiler solution; 136 cases cellulose; 73 cases enamels; 200 drums disc timber wet; 50 cases dairy machy; 333 bags amonium chloride; 40 drums paint; 336 activated carbon lamp; 56 cases textile machinery; 298 bales steel box steep; 338 boxes carboys phosphoric; 42 cases porcelain inculators; 40 bdls. flanges.

From Glasgow—600 cases lager beer; 196 cases whisky; 1234 bags steel nails; 100 bags sodium phospate crystals; 30 bdls. Earthen ware lavotories; 50 kgs. Earthen ware closet; 70 bags moulders brades; 100 bags paints 548 pkgs. tinned fish; 253 bales flat steel bars; 125 bags rose head nails; 30 cases beer; 78 pkgs. steel blue; 58 bags steel cut nails.

From Swansea—1162 ctns. tin plate.

s.s. BHADRAVATI

From Karachi—639 bales cotton raw. 8000 bags portland cement; 67 bags almonds; 85 cases icecream freeze; 4305 bags goowar.

s.s. TREVELYAN

From Penang—832 bags split bottle nuts; 651 bags pearl tapioca.

From Singapore—8086 bags sago flour; 7794 pkgs. teak commercian; 728 bags betel nuts; 1401 bdls. ratton; 200 cases pineapples.

From Colombo—1557 bags copra; 450 bags aracanuts.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT

s.s. JAHANGIR

To Jeddah—10 bdls. tamrind and 80 bags cardamum—G. Rasul & Co.

To Aden—25 bags kapur kachari—V. Dharsee.

s.s. ARTENISIA

To Maritisias—5 bales cotton piecegoods—D. B. Exporters Syndicate. 16 bales cotton piecegoods—United Agency. 22 bales cotton piecegoods—Indravadan and Bros. 5 bales cotton piecegoods and 25 bales cotton waste blankets—Gokuldas and Co. Ltd.

To Colombo—4157 bdls. asbestos cement—Asbestos Cement Co.

s.s. CALEDONIA

To Liverpool—63 bales yellow wool & S. Banwarilal and Co. 20 drums castor oil—United Traders Co. 200 bales cotton waste—C. Jairam and Co.

s.s. FLYING CLIPPER

To New York—159 bags black pepper—S. S. Laxman Singh. 125 bales jute rugs—Jani and Co. 176 drums linseed oil.—National Paint and Industrial Work. 418 bags myrabollams crushed—R. Bachoobhai.

To Port Said—229 bales wool raw—Textile Associate.

s.s. JALAKRISHNA

To London—14 cases britle—Giridharlal and Sons. 123 bags gum karoya—D. Manjee and Co.

To Liverpool—50 drums castor oil—The Swastic Oil Mills Co.

s.s. LEUVERKERK

To Rotherdam—31 bales goat skin—Gerdan India Corporation. 53 bales yellow cotton pickings—G. Ladha and Co.

To Coppenhagen—105 bales cotton waste—Volkart Bros

To Gothenburg—50 bales cotton waste—Volkart Bros.

s.s BARALA

To Karachi—50 jothas slate pencils—Masco Slate Mfg. 50 baskets bidies—S. Jiva. 50 baskets bidies—S. Vasant Ray and Co.

Arrivals & Departures Of Steamers

ARRIVALS

"City of Norwich" from London with water ballast on March 28.

"JANAKI" from Cochin with 725 tons of general cargo on March 28.

"CARRICK BEND" from Manila with 1860 tons general cargo on March 29.

"NARDFARER" from Copenhagen with 5573 tons general cargo on March 29.

DEPARTURE

"JAYLANKA" sailed for Cochin with 1700 tons general cargo on March 28.

SPOTHOUSE SELLING MAY CONTRACT IN NEW YORK COTTON

Wall Street Experiences Mixed Trading

NEW YORK, March 28 (PTI-Reuter): There were small opening losses, featured by spothouse selling of nearby May position, believed to be hedges. Later the market steadied on the appearance of trade support. Meanwhile most traders continued to hold off awaiting congressional action on ECA funds, new crop and parity prices scheduled after the closed announcement of Mid-March parity prices schedulel after the close tomorrow with a twelve-point decline anticipated. In the afternoon trading continued restricted awaiting developments. The market finally closing steady reflecting small routine trade demands which absorbed scattered hedges and local selling. Sales were approximately 75,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, March 28.

May	32.15—05
May Highest	32.16—04
May Lowest	32.09—04
July	31.08—05
October	28.26—04
December	28.02—05
March	27.87—04
Middling Spot	33.47—05

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, March 28.

May	32.05—04
July	31.03—03
October	28.22—06
December	27.98—05
Middling Spot	32.45—05

WALL STREET MARKET

With little in weekend developments to influence traders either way, the market continued. to maintain equilibrium in limited dealings. Among the fractionally better rails, the request made to the inter-state commerce commission for a further increase in mail pay rates tended to soften the effect of poor February operating results in some important carriers. The averages were industrials 176.19 and rails 48.11.

Prices fluctuated narrowly in the afternoon around earlier levels due to lack of incentive. Chrysler relinquished the initial fractional advance following news from detroit that the assembly lines for chryster, dodge and Destoto cars will be idle tomorrow due to a shortage of frames. Most steels held well in face of the decline in steel operations this week scheduled at 99.8 per cent against 101.1 per cent of capacity.

There was some increase in pressure, particularly in assorted rails, chemicals, minings and papers and a rather mixed appearance developed. However, the composite average finished slightly higher and the close as steady.

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO March 28:

Prices declined sharply on early commission house selling prompted by favourable weather in the winter belt over the weekend and fairly large wheat receipts at the terminal markets and indications that the C.C.C. is less anxious to acquire cash grains. Losses were subsequentedly reduced or erased entirely on short covering based largely on technical considerations.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, March 29.

MILLS:
Apollo 2-15-6
B. Dyeing 950 42-8 56-4 50
C. India 243 42-8 43
Century 257-8 56-4
Colaba 148
E. Textiles 225 22 26-8 26
Elphinstone Ord. 65
Finlay 278-8 80
Gokak 287 87-8
I. U. Defd. 1-9-3 1-10 1-9-6
„ Ord 11-1 11-3
Indore 165 61-4
Kohinoor 292 90 93-4 92
Laxmi 606-4
Meyer 110
Model 187-8 90
Morarji 456-4
Podar 140 41-4
Shrinivas 160
New Great 161
Simplex 181 80 82 81
Swadeshi 293 90 92 94-8 93 94-8
Swan 330
Tata Mills 58, 58-12 58
Vishnu 203-12

STEAMER:
B Steam 291-4 92-8
Scindia 16-3 15-15 16-3 16-2 16-7 16-3

BANKS
Baroda 138-8 38 (Ex Div)
Central 86-12 87
„ New 85-8
Imperial Old 1872-8 75
„ New 461-4
India 193-8 (Ex Div)
Union 7-14 7-12 7-12
U Commercial 54-8.

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 125/10 25 26/4
Suburban 162/8
Hydro 153
Power 1540 42/7 40
Power Pref 1275

INSURANCE.
Empire 625
Oriental 5100
New India 60/4 60/8
Jupiter17/8
Vulcan 11/14

STEEL
B. Stel 20/4 20/6 20/5 20/6
T. Iron 24/2 23/14 24/5 24/3
Tata Defd 1475 60 67/8 65 91/4 77/8
Tata Ord. 285/8 86 88 86/8
Tata 2nd Pref 139/4 40

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 263/12 62/8 63/12
A.C.C. Old 145 45/8 45/4 46
A.C.C New 141/8 42
Belapur 214 11/4 14/4 13/8
BB. Old 270 71/4 70
B.B. Petrol 1/6 1/5/9
B.I.C. 8/1/6 8/2
I. Bleaching 154 52
I Copper 2/1/6 2/2
P. Const. 115/8 13/8 15
P. 2nd Pref 109
Shivrajpur 29
Tata Chem. 12 12/1 12
Tata Oil 63/12
Wimco 186/4 88/12

SPECIAL.
Ahmedabad Elec. New 18/12
Bombay Uganda 66/4 66/8
Jost's Engineering 86
Indian Cement (1937) 18

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, March 29.

Tata Ordinary 286/8; Tata Deferred 1477/8; Indian Iron 24/3; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 20/6; Bombay Dyeing 950; Central India 243/2; Gokak 287/8; Kohinoor 292/8; Simplex 181; Swadeshi 294/6. Tata Power 1540; Associated Cement 146/4; Belapur 213/12; Bombay Burma (Old) 270; Scindia 16/3; Central Bank 87; New India 60/8; Tata 2nd Pref. 140.

I.R.O.'s Report On Refugees Resettlement

GENEVA, March 28. (UPA). Israel has received a total of 86,384 displaced persons more than any other country between July, 1947 and February 1949, the International Refugee Organization announced today.

Britain previously was the highest refugee Organization —— —— fugee receiving nation, but tre United Kingdom received 81,365 refugees in the same period.

During January, for the first time since IRO began operations in July, 1947, the refugee population in the American Zone of Germany which has more displaced persons than any other area, dropped below 250,000, it said. Yet new applications for IRO assistance had increased in that month to 22,825 compared to 20,330 in December. From July, 1947 to February of this year, a total of 1,045,478 refugees were registered with IRO. The agency found 899,641 of these to be within its mandate.

During January, 11,374 refugees went to Israel which was more than half of the total of 26,141 resettled during tha period.

Of the major national or ethnic groups in displaced persons, IRO officials said, the Jewish number was declining most rapidly primarily because of departures for Israel. Despite the high rate of new admissions, IRO said, the number of refugees receiving care and maintenance condinued to diminish at the rate of 10,000 or more per month.

ART SILK YARN.

BOMBAY, March 29.

120 D. Ready	3	12	6
150 Japan Ready	3	11	0
150 D. Box March	738	0	0
150 D. Box April	747	0	0

Madras Share Bazar Dull

MADRAS, March 29 (A.P.I.): Dull conditions prevailed on the local market today with practically little business.

Textiles were quiet with Cambodia having sellers at Rs. 9/8.

Bank shares remained unchanged.

In the miscellaneous section, F A C Ts were further marked down to Rs. 4/3. The market closed quiet.

Following are today's quotations in the Stock Exchange:—

GOVERNMENT LOANS: Government of India Three Per Cent Paper 98/3, Three Per Cent 1970/75 100/-, Three Per Cent 1966/68 99/15. Government of Madras Three Per Cent 1956 100/8 Three Per Cent 1960 100/-.

BANKS: Travancore 16/10.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 17/- Mysore 48/- Travancore 7/4.

PLANTINGS: Chembras 4/14 Cochin Malabar 4/1 Ouchterlony 5/11 Repeat 5/11 Perikarmalai 21/12 Thirumbadi Perikarmalai 21/12 Thirumbadi 1/12 T.R. and T. Co. 5/7 Vaikundam 7/-.

TEXTILES: Balasubramania 40/8 Bangalore Woollen XD 206/- Buckingham X.D. 153/4 Cambodia 9/8 Janardhana cd. 4618 Madura XD 40/4 Mettur 306/8 Pankaja 91/- Rajalakshmi 55 Ranga Vilas 45/- Travancore Rayonds 3/12 Trichinopoly 11/2.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 64/- F A C Ts 4/3 Mettur Chem 6/6 Mysore Chem and Ferts 6/12 Mysore Paper 11/4.

SALES OF TREASURY BILLS

During the week-ended the 25th March. 1949, Government of India Treasury Bills of Rs. 7,92,75,000-0-0 were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Calcutta Stock Exchange Quietly Steady

CALCUTTA, March 29 (A.P.I.): The market ruled quiet but steady and only limited business took place.

Following are today's final transactions up to 2-30 P.M.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three Per Cent Government Paper 98/- Three Per Cent Loan 1986 98/3 Three Per Cent Loan 1951/54 101/- Ditto 1070/75 99/15 Three Per cent 1961/66 99/6.

BANKS: Hindustan Commercial Bank 25/- CT Hindustan Mercantile Bank 20/- S Lot.

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textiles 10/8 New Victoria Ordy 2/3 Ditto Pref 4/14 Swadeshi Cotton 10/15.

COALS: Bharat Colliery 7/6 SL Burrakur 12/1 Deoli 0/19 Dhemommain 12/15 Raneegunge 12/2 Satpukuria and Asansol 1/3 South Karanpura 25/2 Searsole 6/8.

JUTES: Auckland Second Pref. 103/8 Howrah Pref. 126 Northbrook Pref 123/- S Lot.

MININGS: Burma Corp 2/5 Indian Copper 2/3 Karanpura 24/9 Tavoy Tin -/11/-.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sone Valley Cement 6/4 Braithwaite and Co 8/2 Indian Iron and Steel 24/3 Marshalls 5/15 National Iron 5/8 Steel products 2/3 Steel Corp 20/7 New Asiatic Assurance 4/12 Bic 8/1 Indian Cable 34/- CT Jardine Henderson 161/- Ct. British Burmah Petrol 1/7 Shree Gopalpaper 11/- Midnapore Zemindary 66/8 Assam Saws 7/- Calcutta Landing and Shipping 13/8 India General Navigation 95/- India Steamship 7/14.

SUGARS: Belsund 4/8 CT Carew and Co 8/6 S Darbhanga 10/-.

TEAS: Hasimira 47/8 Jutlibari 20/14.

NEW FIBER DEVELOPED FROM WHITE PROTEIN OF MILK

Casein being spun for use in auto carburetor air filters Casein, a white protein in milk, is best known to man as the "curds" that make cheese. It also has been used in making coated writing paper, in printing wallpaper and fabrics, and in manufacturing cold water paint and glue. Recently, industrial and government research workers in the United States tried out improved processes for spining fiber from casein. One result is a new fiber called "curled casein filament."

This fiber is now being manufactuhed for use in a carburetor air filter for automobiles. The filter—80 per cent casein filament and 20 per cent wool—removes dust and other impurities from air entering the combustion chambers of the engine. The filter is easy and inexpensive to replace when it becomes dirty.

The Department of Agriculture, which has co-operated in the research work, says casein fiber has many other possibilities. It has unusual resiliency or "bounce". It is dustless and odorless and takes dye easily. It is well adapted for use in mattress pads, furniture stuffing and similar products. Casein fiber is also being used experimentally as bristles for various kinds of brushes.—USIS.

LATEST GRAIN STORAGE METHODS

WASHINGTON. March 28. To spread information on the protection of stored grain from fungus and insect attacks, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (F.A.O.) is publishing a series of papers reviewing methods of grain drying and storing used in all parts of the world. The first papers describe methods used in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

The series is an outgrowth of international discussions on infestation of foodstuffs held in London late in 1947. Stress was laid at the meeting on the conditioning and storage of grain to prevent losses from fungi and insects. It was estimated that these losses in 1947 totalled 33,000,000 tons—enough food to keep 150,000,000 persons alive for a year.

It also was recommended at the London meeting that specialists discuss grain storage problems on a regional basis. The first regional meeting—for Latin America—was held in mid-February 1948, near Palmira, Colombia, under the sponsorship of the F.A.O. and the Colombian Government.

Proper storage of grain has become more important recently because of the improved outlook for grain production. World production in 1948 of the five principal grains (wheat rye, corn oats, barley) totalled 472,000,000 metric tons, exceeding that of 1947 by about 15 per cent, according to FAO statistics. The 1934-38 average was about 442,000,000 metric tons.

With large grain supplies in most parts of the world, more and more countries have relaxed controls on consumption. In some countries, concern has arisen over possible surpluses. The F.A.O. cautions, however, that world grain production this year probably will be below the 1948 level and that grain stocks in most instances will continue to be too low for safety in an emergency.

Though bread rations have been increased—and in some countries abolished—nearly 300,000,000 persons are still dependent on a rationing system for their daily bread", the F.A.O. says.—U.S.I.S,

SWADESHI MILLS DECLARE DIVIDENDS

Swadeshi Mills declare a dividend Rs. 12/4 and one Bonus Preferance Shares bearing 5 per cent with income Tax against holding of 4 Ordinary Shares. This created increased buying in Swadeshi Mill Shares after the close and were quoted at Rs. 302/8.

SURAT, March 28 (API): Tax increases to raise the Surat Municipality's income by about 9 lakhs rupees have been suggested by Mr. Thakorebhai Desai, Chief Officer of the Municipality in his budget note.

The Municipal budget for 1949-50 presented today shows small surplus of Rs 30,408 the income being Rs. 49,19,222 and the expenditure Rs. 40,88,814.

DEMOCRATIC REFORMS IN TRUST TERRITORIES

U. N. Council's Call To End Colour Bar: 4-Nation Visiting Mission For West Africa

LAKE SUCCESS, March 29 (API): More schools for primary education and greater voice in Government affairs for inhabitants of Trust territories were urged by the United Nations Trusteeship Council during its fourth session which ended here last night.

The twelve-nation Council, during two months of deliberation, made these specific requests:

BRITISH CAMEROONS— Democratic reforms should be instituted to increase local suffrage and participation in Government affairs.

The Administrative Union of the Cameroons and Nigeria should be "reviewed", to find out whether it is in keeping with the aim of the United Nations Charter to grant eventual self-Government or independence to Trust territories. The Cameroons should also be given a separate budget.

FRENCH CAMEROONS — More power should be given to the Representative Assembly. Coloured people should be given more openings in Government posts. All possible measures should be taken to increase the present wage level to improve the standard to living.

REVIEW OF LEGISLATIONS

BELGIAN RUANDA-URUNDI— A review of all legislation which involves racial discrimination, particularly the laws on residence, land tenure, alcoholic beverages, firearms and the penitentary system.

BRITISH TANGANYIKA— The Council urged that efforts to end racial discrimination be intensified by "appropriate legislation and other measures".

The Council decided to send a four-nation visiting Mission to West Africa in November, to tour British Cameroons and Togoland and French Cameroons and Togoland.

The United States, Belgium, Iraq, and Mexico will be represented on the Mission, which will receive its specific instructions at the Council's next session.

A four-nation Committee was set up to study the possibility of establishing a university in Africa by 1952.

The Council will hold its next session at Lake Success in June.

Tightening Up Control On Horse Racing

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member of the House to get a non-official Bill passed.

Mr. S. L. Karandikar, while supporting the principle of the Bill, said that it was not desirable to turn what he called lapses of society into crimes.

The Assembly passed the Bill, only members of the Fourth Party opposing it.

GAMBLING ACT AMENDING BILL

Mr. J. H. Shamsuddin moved a non-official Bill to amend the Bombay Prevention of Gambling Act, which ought to prohibit betting even inside the race course on a racing day. He observed that the evil effect of this kind of gambling should not be allowed to continue among any section of the population. The increasing popularity of betting on race horses was evident from the higher realisation of money by way of taxes and duties from year to year.

Mr. Shamsuddin said that the evil was confined not only to the richer section of the people, but was spreading among all classes of the population.

Mr. Shaikh Moinuddin doubted whether the present time was opportune to enforce a legislation of this as it would deprive the province of a fruitful source of revenue. He admitted that the principle was wholesome, but asked the mover to consider the financial aspect of the issue also.

Mr. Tulsidas Jadhav and Mr. Rajab were among those who supported the Bill.

Home Minister's Reply

The Home Minister, replying to the debate, said that the amending Bill was un-necessary and redundant as there was already an Act in the Statute Book governing the regulation of horse racing. Because of this, horse racing was not included in the Gambling Act.

Mr. Desai said that Government had already decided to abolish racing from 1953 from which date no further licence would be granted. Explaining the circumstances under which Government agreed to allow racing to continue till 1952, Mr. Desai said that breeders had invested a lot of money on breeding Indian horses and therefore Government felt that some time should be given to them to wind up their business. In the meantime Government were tightening up their control on racing with a view to removing irregularities so that the poor people might not suffer.

He denied Government having given any assurances or promises to breeders or any one else connected with racing. He said that if they so desired, Government could stop racing from tomorrow.

SPECULATION IN SHARE BAZAR TO GO

Describing betting in the race course as the worst form of gambling indulged in by fashionable people, the Home Minister disclosed that it was Government's intention to abolish other forms of gambling as well, like speculation in share bazaar. He said it should be done in a proper scientific manner for the ultimate benefit of society as a whole.

Mr. Shamsuddin withdrew his Bill.

MEDICAL RELIEF FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Replying to the debate on a non-official resolution moved yesterday asking Government to provide for medical relief to school children, Mr. B. G. Kher, Minister in charge of Education, said that it was Government's desire to give medical relief not only to children, but to the whole population. But in the present state of affairs he was afraid Government would not be able to do this. But they were anxious to give medical relief at least to children who would be the citizens of tomorrow.

Mr. Kher revealed that the Chief Mdical Officer appointed by Government last year under the School Health Service, had now submitted a concrete plan, which Government would implement expeditiously.

Under the plan there would be a medical unit for each of the 20 districts in the Province. Each unit would consist of a medical officer, a nurse a clerk and a compounder and would examine and treat at least a thousand students from primary and secondary schools, per month.

RS. 5 LAKHS BUDGETED

Government had budgeted a sum of Rs. 5 lakhs for this purpose. In addition to this the subsidised medical practitioners would get a subsidiary calculated at as. 2 per student examined by them. Existing hospitals and dispensaries would be asked to co-operate in the scheme fully.

Government had two big difficulties before them in tackling this important issue. It was the paucity of medical men who were willing to go to rural areas, as well as the prohibitive costs. But, Government hoped that as more and more schools were started in the districts, social workers would come forward and try to get doctors to help Government on a voluntary basis.

The Premier felt that mere medical inspection and treatment would not solve the problem. Government hoped to increase their revenues. So that they could raise the nutritional standard of all the people, specially the children. But it could not be done today, for neither the Government of Bombay nor the Centre could afford the cost of such an experiment.

"A little nutritional help to children", he felt would be more effective than mere medical examination and treatment. The appointment of officers and the setting into motion the scheme, were not enough. The scheme would succeed only if it got local co-operation, parental assistance and the services of social workers.

ADVISORY BOARD

Government would also set up an Advisory Board to periodically examine the work of the School Health Service, and to find ways and means to expedite its work. The Board would consist of the Director of Public Instruction, the Surgeon-General, Director of Public Health, and the Chief Medical Officer of the scheme.

The resolution was carried with the incorporation of an amendment, which, leaves the time factor totally to Government's discretion.

INTERESTS OF INDIANS IN BURMA

Mr. Haji Noormohamed Ahmed moved a resolution asking the Government of Bombay to move the Government of India to take early steps to negotiate with the Burma Government for safeguarding the commercial and proprietary interests of Indians in Burma. He was supported by Mr. Yusuf Ismail.

Mr. Kher, replying to the resolution, said that it was a matter of gratification that the members of the opposition—the fourth party—were now turning their attention to foreign affairs. Formerly, their interests were confined to Urdu Schools, Urdu universities and representation to Muslims in services. This was one of the beneficent effects of freedom. He hoped that they would take a similar interest in Indian nationals nearer home.

But, he felt that if the member had even carefully read the daily papers or followed the answers given in the Central Assembly, he would have seen that there was no need to move such a resolution.

KHER'S ASSURANCE

The interests of Indian nationals in Burma were amply safeguarded by the Indian Amoassador there and the Government of Burma had also guaranteed them. The Government of India had done everything that was to be done in the matter.

The resolution was withdrawn.

Mr G S Kharat moved a resolution asking for fixing percentage of the Scheduled Castes in all grades of public service.

WHY ADDITIONAL AIR MAIL FEE?

NEW DELHI, March 29 (API): Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, recommended to Parliament today not to accept the Select Committee's proposal to charge an additional air mail fee of half an anna per tola.

LET ORIGINAL PROPOSAL STAND

Dr. Matthai, who was initiating discussion on the Select Committee's report on the Finance Bill, said that his original proposal to raise the postal envelope rate to two annas and postal card to nine pies should stand.

He told the House amids cheers that Government would be prepared to raise the exemption limit on the income of the Hindu undivided family from Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 5,000 if a suitable amendment was moved to reduce to the minimum the possibility of the exemption limit being misused.

Government accepted the Select Committee's suggestion to extend the export duty on Jute to Bimlipatam and Mesta Fibre (coarser varieties).

HOFFMAN ON COMMUNISM

'Philosophy Of Power In Its Most Wicked Form"

LOS ANGELES, March 29. (PTI-Reuter)—Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, Marshal Plan Administrator, said in a speech today that "an all out drive is now on by the Russian Politburo for world domination". He said this drive "is being waged with an intensity of determination that makes Hitler's effort seem amateurish by comparison"

In a speech to the Occidental College here, Mr. Hoffman said that, theoritically, Communism was "rather idealistic concept—and about the worst thing that can be said about it is that it won't work", but the ideology that the Kremlin is offering the world has no relation to theoritical Communism", he declared.

"It is a philosophy of power in its most wicked form: a way of life that enslaves bodies, withers minds and distorts moral values. It offers no freedom to the masses and very few of the material comforts of life.

"As always in a dictatorship, the dictators take everything. No capitalist plutocrat ever dared dream of having and holding the special previliges that the political and military leaders in Russia today take as their natural right. Instead of brotherhood and goodwill, the entire effort of Communism, as it is practised in Russia today, is to intensify class hatred and set brother against brothers—indeed man himself against god".

GANDHI MURDER CASE APPELLANTS

Permission To Engage Outside Lawyers Refused

SIMLA, March 29. (UPI)—The East Punjab High Court has refused the request of Appellant convicts of the Gandhi murder case to engage their defence counsel from outside the list of the East Punjab High Court. Appellants have been asked to select their counsel from the list supplied to them.

Mr. Dange, Advocate from Bombay High Court, has, however, been permitted to appear in the East Punjab High Court as a defence counsel.

Applications of three accused, namely Narain D. Apte, Gopal Godse and Madanlal Pahwa, who have asked for permission to appear in person to instruct their counsels will be taken into consideration by the Chief Justice.

Elaborate police arrangements will be made on May 2, when the hearing of the appeals commences.

Divest Schools Committee Of Executive Powers

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milk supply and Mid-day meals; and improving conditions of imparting education in Municipal Schools.

On the first and most vital question of the Corporation and the Govern- Mr. Parulekar devxotes a long chapter to the examination of the Draft Bill of 1939 and suggests modifications in it. His suggestions in this connection range from changing the name of the Schools Committee to amending leave rules applicable to the Education officer and the Superintendent.

But in the next chapter Mr. Parulekar puts forward his own ideas, which constitute a radical departure from the present set-up. According to these recommendations the control and management of the Education Department should be transferred to the Municipal Commissioner who becomes the Chief Executive head of the department as he already is of all the other spending departments of the Corporation. as a consequence the Schools Committee should be made an Advisory body without executive powers. This committee called the Education Committee will be a compact body of eight Municipal Councillors. The functions of the Committee will be to advise the Commissioner on matters of principles and policies, to scrutinise the Education budget as framed by the Commissioner, to approve schemes and plans of improvement of education submitted to them and so on. There will be an Education Officer who will work under the Municipal Commissioner. The Secretarial work of the present Schools Committee will be transferred to the office of the Municipal Secretary and the Accounts section to the office of the Chief Accountant.

Stricter Enforcement

Mr. Parulekar has suggested a new scheme for efficient enforcement of compulsion. Under this scheme the city is to be divided into a number of small units, each unit to be in charge of an officer helped by a "District Committee". There are to be 75 such areas. Each unit will also have an attendance officer.

Mr. Parulekar has devoted a whole chapter to the need to provide Municipal-owned School Buildings. Statistical tables appended to the report have a sorry tale to tell in the matter of school accommodation. Out of 1,21,000 children attending Municipal Schools towards the end of last year only 18,000 were attending 29 schools housed in Municipal-owned buildings. The remainder were housed in 274 private buildings, unsuited for the purpose and crammed into a narrow space. A sample investigation of 77 hired premises showed that the average area per child available in these schools ranged from five to seven and a half square feet. Only 15 schools had more than eight square feet per child. And yet there are 19 sites set apart by the Municipality for school buildings. No attempt has so far been made to raise any such building.

Mr. Parulekar asserts that on moral, though not on legal grounds, Adult Education should be a joint concern of he Corporation and the Government of Bombay. He considers it best that the movement should be controlled and managed by the Corporation along with their Primary Education Department. But the Government should bear a substantial part of the cost of the movement.

He has expressed the view that Hindustani should be taught in Primary Standards V to VII.

His suggestions about improvement of teaching include the recruitment of only teachers who have passed the S.S.L.C. Examination, the provision of training facilities to them including refresher courses and relieving teachers from clerical work.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MAY.

NEW YORK, March 29.

Previous Closing	32.15
Today's Opening	32.17
Difference	+2
Today's Closing	32.19
Difference	+4

LAST QUOTATIONS.

BOMBAY, March 29.

	Rs. As.
Silver Vaishak Shud 15	172 4
Gold Vaishak Shud 15	106 14
Silver Bullion	174 8
Silver Mint	183 8
Gold Ready	108 4
Sovereign	72 8
EXPECTATION:	
Cotton Jarila May	624 8

NEW YORK STOCKS.

NEW YORK, March 29.

Opening prices:—

Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 31-5/8.

General Motors dol. 59-7/8.

United Steel Common unquoted.

United States Steel Common unquoted

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, March 29

Cotton Ready Roliers Sind NT 92/8. Punjab 289, F 96, LSS 87, Four F 84. Steadier specially for Four F account of Good off-take. Japanese trade soap mission is meeting today with cotton interests and it is presumed Mission will seek purchases of limited quantities of short and medium staple cotton.

Spot turnover yesterday 1700 bales arrivals from upcountry 4200 exports 55555 bales of which 2962 for India.

Cottonseeds NT Ready 5/5/6 April 5/4/6. Steadier on good demand and larger exports 12826 bags.

Gold 105, Sovereign 69, Steadier.

STOCK EXCHANGE: Government Three per cent 1960 Loan 101/8, Pakistan State Bank 104, Orient Airways Ordinary 14.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, March 29

Market opened easy on discouraging reports about tight money conditions and banks cautious attitude about lending money on overdraft accounts but at lower levels there was no pressure of selling and market steadied up on general buying on official report about increase in price of cloth from 3 to 5 per cent. Textile circles are still expecting a further increase in some varieties of cloth It is also believed that increase in price in of steel will be given about 20 rupees per ton the announcement for which is expects on 1st April. Tatas production for the month of March is estimated at about 88 thousand in local circles

Calico today Opened 1184, Lowest 1181, Highest and Closed 1186.

Arvind Opened 1490, Lowest 1498, Closed 1500.

Deffered Opened 1482, Lowest 1468, Highest 1490, Closed 1490.

Closing quotations: Calico 1186, Arvind 1500, Deffered 1490, Ambika 416, Monogram 171, Ajit 302-8-0, Atul 36, Nutan 550, Anil 232-8-0, Rohit 127-8-0, Raipur 1550, New Jahangir 140.

Privately Arvind is quoted at 1510 on report of directors meeting today. Some expect that ordinary share of Arvind whose face value today is one hundred Rupees will be valued at 500 Rs. per share by stamping on the share certificate while others expect two preference shares pes one ordinary share.

Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent.)

HAPUR, March 29.

Wheat 23 to 27, Gram 13/2, Barley 13, Maize 13, Bajra 14, Peas 11/2, Urd 17/12, Moong 19/4, Arhar 12, Sarson 27, Gur 13/4, Tarameed 20/8, Oil 72, Oilcake 9/8, Groundnut 17, Cottonseed 15/8.

Future in Peas Arhar Gur Sarson and Bullion closed today due to Amavashya.

PAPER PULP FROM WHEAT STRAW DEVELOPED BY U. S. SCIENTISTS

A new process for making paper pulps from wheat straw and other agricultural wastes is reported by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry, which describes it as "revolutionary". Developed by two scientists at the Bureau's regional research laboratory at Peoria, Illinois, the new "mechano-chemical process" is expected to boost production of fine papers from straw and other residues.

The process speeds up ordinary chemical pulping or digesting of the straw. This is done by rapid mechanical beating and stirring of the straw in a specially designed open kettle. This method eliminates the need for cooking the straw under steam pressure. Cooking at atmosphere pressure is completed within one hour under the new process. Current methods require from four to 12 hours of steam-pressure cooking.

The new method represents a big improvement over the process announced last year by the Department of Agriculture. Developed by the same two scientists, Drs. S. I. Aronovsky and E. C. Lathrop, it used more effective digesting chemicals than previously employed, but still required cooking under steam pressure for two hours.

Tests of the mechano-chemical process in commercial operations will be started soon. Pilot-plant studies already made show that the process should lower costs of producing high-quality straw pulps, since it requires less labour, steam and electric power than present methods.

Used in connection with present methods for cleaning straw, the new method produces pulp that bleaches easily and is suitable for blending with other pulps to make many kinds of high-grade papers. It also can be used to manufacture, at lower cost, better strawboard for boxes and other packing containers, now the major industrial use for straw in the United States.—USIS.

DADOO CONDEMNS MALAN GOVT.

'I Shall Leave No Stone Unturned To Return My Homeland'

LONDON, March 29, (PTI-Reuter): Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, President of the Transvaal Indian Congress, said in London today that South Africa's decision to refuse him travelling documents to return home was "an outrageous piece of fascist action".

"It completely tears away the mask of democracy which Dr. Malan's Government has been using to cloak its undemocratic and racialist policies", he addec.

"I shall leave no stone unturned in order to return to my homeland. Dr. Malan's Government cannot keep me out for long".

Dr. Dadoo has a wife, 5-year-old daughter, mother, 5 brothers and 4 sisters in South Africa.

He flew to London, passportless—it had been taken from him by the South African Government—with the object of represening Indians in South Africa at the United Nations Conference in Paris. This ambition was never realised as the French Government refused him a "visa".

He has since been addressing meetings in various parts of Britain on the passport is retained by the South African Government and is the subject of litigation.

TREATMENT OF INDIANS IN S. AFRICA

Setalwad On Issues Before U. N. Session

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Shortly before his departure to attend the third session of the United Nations General Assembly at Lake Success, Mr. M. C. Setalvad, leader of the Indian Delegation told the Associated Press of India: "The principal question directly concerning India on the agenda of the adjourned session is the treatment of Indians is South Africa. The situation has, it appears, considerably deteriorated recently.

"It iis difficult to forecast the actual proposal which the Indian Delegation will place before the United Nations General Assembly in regad to this question. The proposal will have to depend in some measure on the atmosphere prevailing at Lake success.

Reconstruction Work In Kargil Tehsil

SRINAGAR, March 29 (UPI): Steps are being taken by the Chief Administrative Officer, Kargil, Kh. Ghulam Qadir, for the reconstruction of bridges, mosques and imamberas in the Kargil Tehsil.

It will be recalled that during the time the area was under enemy occupation, the mosques, the monasteries and the imambaras in the Ilaqa were desecrated and damaged by raiders. Following the re-capture of Leh and Kargil tehsils by the Indian army in November last, civil administration was restored in the Ilaqa. For the first time in the history of the frontier district, local people have been recruited in the police and the national militia. They have also been given representation in civil services.

Kashmir Boatmen Support Sheikh Abdullah

SRINAGAR, March 29 (UPI): At a meeting held here yesterday Kashmir boatmen pledged their complete loyalty and support to Sheikh Abdullah and the National Conference. The meeting applauded he steps taken by the State Government for the betterment of the lot of boatmen.

The President of the Boatmen's Union, Mr. Mohammed Ramzan, declared: "We will stand by our leader to the last, no matter whatever the hardships".

Tennis Star Misra Beats Salam

CACLUTTA, March 29 (API): Sumant Misra beat France's No. 2 tennis star, Abdus Salam in friendly match at the South Club, Calcutta, by 4-6, 6-4, 6-1 today.

In doubles, Sumant Misra and Abdus Salam beat Naresh Kumar and Dilip Bose by 10-8 in a single set.

Abdus Salam leaves tomorrow for France after two day halt in Calcutta, where he arrived from Saigon.

Social Gathering Of Prohibition Guards

A Social gathering of the Prohibition Guards of "D" Division was held on Sunday evening in the Vithal Sayanna Gymkhana under the Presidentship of Dr. V. R. Bhoosrath, J.P., Director of Prohibition, Home Guards, Bombay Province.

Among the persons who spoke on this occasion, Mr. V. R. Tulla, J.P., Chairman, Schools Committee and Mr. R. B. Khandray paid glowing tributes to Dr. V. R. Bhoosrath, for his selfless service in the cause of Prohibition. The speakers thanked the Government for his recent appointment as Director of Prohibition, Home Guards, Bombay Province, and Commandant General, Capt. M. J. B. Maneckji fo rhis inspiring message to the Prohibition Guards on the occasion of the Social gathering.

Dr. V. R. Bhoosrath while dealing with the importance of Prohibition said that Prohibition was one of the ameliorative measures which the Government had undertaken.

Mr. A. B. Andyal, Officer Commanding "D" Division, thanked the President and the guests present for making the function a success.

NORWEGIAN ENVOY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

NEW DELHI, March 29. (API)—Monsiur Jens Schive, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary-designate of Norway to India presented his credentials to the Governor-General C. Rajagopalachari, at a brief ceremony in Government House this afternoon.

Israel And Transjordan Accept Draft Armistice

U. N. STATEMENT SAYS "OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS STILL EXIST"

RHODES, March 29, (PTI-Reuter)— An official Tel Aviv spokesman said nothing was known there of a reported "peace" meeting between King Abdullah of Transjordan and two Israeli envoys.

Transjordan and Israeli delegates today accepted a Draft armistice day hammered out in 25 days' tough negotiations by Palestine Mediator Ralph Bunche.

Dr. Bunche handed over the Draft early today at his "peace headquarters" to representatives of the two countries who flew back to Tel Aviv and Amman to consult their Governments.

An official United Nations statement said, "outstanding problems" still existed, but a spokesman would not say what they were. It was not thought the problems included difficulties about Akaba, Transjordan Port on the Gulf of Akaba where British Troops are stationed within sight of an Israeli force.

The armistice will be the third between Israel and the Arabs. Tel Aviv has already come to terms with Egypt and the Lebanon. Talks with Syria are expected to begin soon.

Brigadier General William Riley and M. Henri Vigier, Dr. Bunche's Chief of Staff, flew to Damascus today for preliminary talks about these new negotiations.

ADMISSION OF ISRAEL TO U.N.

Pakistan Will Oppose Move, Says Zafrullah Khan

DAMASCUS, March 29, (PTI-Reuter):— Pakistan will oppose Israel's admission to the United Nations, said Sir Mahammad Zafrullah Khan, Pakistan's Foreign Minister, on his arrival here today on his way to the United Nations General Assembly at Lake Success.

Pakistan Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan will represent his country at next month's Commonwealth Conference in London, he announced.

He said that Pakistan would send a diplomatic representative to Syria, who would also represent his Government in the Lebanon and Transjordan.

TEXTILE PRODUCTION CONTROL MEASURES

Government Decision To Implement Committee's Findings: No Ban On Better Varieties Of Cloth

NEW DELHI, March 29, (API):— Accepting the recommendations of the Textile Production Control Committee, the Government of India have announced their decision to allow textile mills to continue to spin up to eighty counts and to weave cloth upto sixty to eighty counts.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Production Control Committee felt that it would be retrograde step to prevent the Indian industry from producing better varieties of cloth for which a large demand existed in the country.

The Government's resolution on the recommendations of the Committee available here today said that necessary orders are being issued to implement the recommendations of the Committee as regards the prescription of minimum kreeds and picks, minimum lea, strength and other detailed proposals.

The Textile Production Control Committee constituted in October last was charged, among other things, with examining whether restriction or prohibition of fine and superfine varieties of cloth would increase the total production of cloth and whether such restriction would facilitate controlled distribution of cloth.

A THEORETICAL POSSIBILITY

The Committee in its report recognised there was a theoretical possibility of increasing total cloth production by a prohibition of the manufacture of superfine varieties of cloth but stated that even this theoretical increase would be small and would not exceed one per cent, even if spinning of yarn (both for the mill and handloom industries) were restricted to the sixty counts and below. On the other hand, the Committee pointed out that such restriction would unbalance some of the existing mills and might lead to some of the existing production capacity remaining unutilised so that the theoretical increase might not materialise: on the contrary there might be a fall in production.

Accepting the recommendations of the Committee, the Government have decided to constitute central and regional manufacturing committees on the lines suggested.

The Government resolution also points out that the orders issued by the Textile Commissioner already provide for flexibility of control. Special exemption from the operation of production control measures would be granted in all cases where exemption is necessary because the requisite variety of cotton is not available or the operation of the order involves loss of production capacity. The Textile Commissioner has been asked to make a careful study of production capacities and popular demands with a view to bringing about greater correlation between production and demand as regards varieties of cloth. The Government of India accept the opinion of the Committee that it would be inexpedient to attempt a prohibition of fine and superfine varieties of cloth".

RAILWAYMAN CHEATED OF RS. 14,800

BOMBAY, March 29.

Charged with cheating a retired railway servant in respect of a sum of Rs. 14,800, Ramchandra Vithal Fadnis was arrested by the city police on Monday. He was produced to-day before Mr. Oscar Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade, who ordered him to be released on bail in the sum of Rs. 15,000.

According to the police the complainant had contacted the accused after reading a tempting advertisement in one of the city papers. The latter put before him a grandiose scheme of taking over the chief agency of the Jupiter General Insurance Company, whereby they could make easy money in a short time. With a view to inspire confidence in the complainant, the accused even took him to the general manager of an insurance company and drafted out an agreement for obtaining the chief-agency. The complainant was thus convinced of the 'bona fide' of the accused.

After the fish was well gulled, Fadnis asked for money to run the agency, and by artful pursuasion managed to knock out a sum of Rs. 14,800 from the complainant.

Days passed, but the agency did not materialise. At last convinced that he was duped, the complainant lodged the complaint against the accused, who was later arrested by the police.

NEPAL PALACE BURGLED

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The palace of the Maharaja of Nepal at Breach Candy was burgled yesterday and ornaments and jewellery valued at Rs. 15,598 were stolen.

The Secretary of the Palace, who made a complaint to the Bombay Police, stated that the theft was committed in the servants quarter, when all the maid servants had gone out. The police are investigating the case.

SIMLA, March 29, (API): The East Punjab Government propose to reclaim five lakh acres of waste land in the next five years, it is learnt.

Extra Basic Petrol Ration To Continue

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The extra basic petrol ration which the Area Rationing Authorities had sanctioned for the first quarter of the year will be continued for the quarter ending June 30. Motor cars have been allowed 20 gallons. The extra ration has not been sanctioned for heavy transport vehicles.

The coupons for extra petrol are being issued at the Area Rationing Office and the office of the W.I.A.A. Motorists failing to draw their extra quota of petrol by April 30 will receive a cut in the allotment in proportion to the amount standing against their credit.

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Bengal Regulation Of 1818 In Parliament

KAMAT CALLED TO ORDER FOR CONDEMNING IT AS "BLACK ACT"

Question Of Its Repeal Can Only Be Decided By Consembly, Says Sardar Patel

NEW DELHI, March 29. (API):—The question of repealing the Bengal Regulation of 1818 was for the Constituent Assembly to decide while the new constitution was being framed, the Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel told Mr. H. V. Kamath in Parliament today.

Mr. Kamath, who had earlier been told that eight persons were being detained under the Regulation since August 15.1947, asked. "When does Government propose to repeal this black act?" Mr. Kamath also asked: "Is it not true that in the previous years, the Congress leaders had condemned this as a black act".

The speaker called him to order.

Mr. Panjabrao Deshmukh asked whether the provincial Governments were making a "liberal" use of this Regulation

The Deputy Prime Minister replied that no order had been passed by any provincial Government under this regulation.

RUPEE-STERLING RATIO

The ratio of conversion of the Rupee into Sterling and imports of gold and silver from United States under lend-lease were the subjects of questions by Mr. Biswanath Das.

Dr. John Matthai said that Sterling transactions were adjusted in the accounts at the average rate of exchange, and the average rate for the current year was likely to be is. 8-81/32 D. per rupee. the rate adopted for the revised estimate.

The Finance Minister said that the link between the Rupee and the Sterling no longer existed following the amendment of the relevant sections of the Reserve Bank Act. The present exchange ratio was the result of the rate India had adopted under the International Monetary Fund Rules.

LEND-LEASE SILVER FOR INDIA

Dr. Matthai replying to another question said that 226 million ounces of silver were obtained from the United States Government during the war on lend-lease. No gold was imported on this basis. About 123 million ounces of silver were used for coinage and 47 million ounces were sold in the market at a rate of Rs. 127/- for 100 tolas. The rest remained with the Government. The silver was obtained on the understanding that it would be returned in kind, ounce for ounce, within five years of the date on which the U.S. President declared the end of emergency.

Replying to supplementaries regarding arrangements for repayment Dr. Matthai pointed out that the U.S. President had not yet declared the end of emergency. The Government had a certain amount of silver and the old coins would be refined.

Move To Restrict Length Of Films

"Government have under consideration a proposal to restrict the length of feature films and trailers" said Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State. Information and Broadcasting, in a written answer to Seth Govind Das in Parliament.

There was, however, no proposal to limit the number of positive copies, he added.

The possibilities of increased imports of raw film were being explored. Imports during the two years ending March 31, 1949 averaged 150 million feet per annum. The total imports during the calendar year 1948 were only 115 million feet due to reduced imports from the U.K. Thus a relative shortage of raw film in India was felt during the latter part of 1948, but that was expected to be made up in 1949

A CENTRAL FILM CENSOR BOARD

The question of establishing a Central Board of film censors is under consideration of the Government of India, Mr. R. R. Diwakar, Minister of State, information and broadcasting, stated in a written answer to Seth Govind Das in the Dominion Parliament today.

Government, said Mr. Diwakar, were aware of the difficulties and inconvenience caused to film producers due to varying application of the censor code by different provincial Government.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Minister, said in Parliament to-day in a written answer to Lala Raj Kanwar that 141 appointments to the Indian administrative service had been made by the present Government. There were still 251 more vacancies. They were expected to be filled up by August 1949.

SUBSIDY TO PRESSMEN FROM HYDERABAD.

Mr. Mahavir Tyagi asked if it was a fact that some of the press representatives had been found as having been receiving payments from the Hyderabad State officials both in Delhi and Hyderabad before and after the police action was taken.

Sardar Patel replied that some names did appear in the Government records, but he did not consider it would be fair to disclose the names in the absence of evidence to show that the amounts were actually received by the persons to whom the payments purport to have been made. He added that in the administrative conditions of the time the possibility of diversion of funds from their intended purpose could not be ruled out.

Mr. Tyagi: "are those correspondents who were stationed in Delhi and who had received subsidy from the Hyderabad Government, still accredited to the Government of India".

Sardar Patel: "It cannot be possible for me to ascertain whether these people had actually received the subsidy."

CAPITAL PUNISHMENTS

The Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, stated in Parliament that Government considered the present time inopportune for the abolition of capital punishment. The proposal had been carefully examined on a number of occasions and given up.

The high courts in India or other authority concerned sentenced 672 persons to death in 1944, 739 in 1945, 539 in 1946, 271 in 1947, 290 in 1948.

Mr. S. Nagappa asked whether Government had taken any steps to discover the ancient Sanskrit documents in Jogjakarta (Indonesia). Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister said in a written reply that under the present conditions in Indonesia, it was not considered practicable to send any mission there to prepare a list of manuscripts of interest to India. When conditions improved, efforts would be made to obtain information.

NO BAN ON TITLES OF PRINCES

The orders stopping the mention of titles of Indian in official documents do not apply to ruling Princes.

The Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who stated this in Parliament today in a written reply to Lala Raj Kanwar, added that it was not proposed that titles should be surrendered, only their use in official documents should be stopped.

Lala Raj Kumar had asked whether the "ban on titles" applied to titles awarded to Rulers of Indian states by Moghul Emperors, previous Hindu Kings and the British Government and titles awarded by Rulers of Indian states to their subjects.

RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, said in Parliament today that the Government expected to come to a decision shortly on the recommendations of the Central Pay Commission regarding retirement benefits. He was replying to a question by Mr. Satis Chandra Samanta regarding retirement benefits and gratuity in case of premature death of a Government servant.

Dr. Matthai added that it was not the usual practice to give retrospective effect to financial concessions.

WEST BENGAL BANK CRISIS

Questions relating to the bank failures in West Bengal and the reconstruction scheme for these banks were raised by Mr. Arun Chandra Guha in Parliament today. Replying to them Dr. John Matthai, Financial Minister said that most of the banks followed unsound policy in the matter of investments, branch expansion and attraction of deposits. No information regarding non-scheduled banks was available. As regards scheduled banks the demand and time liabilities of six scheduled banks on the dates nearest to the dates of suspension of payment amounted to Rs. 6,02,24,000.

Dr. Matthai said that the auditors' report on the enquiry would throw a flood of light on the subjects of the conducts of some persons responsible for the crisis and their investment policy. Government could take action only on receipt of the report.

Dr. Matthai said that these concessions related almost entirely to new companies. It was extremely unlikely that within a period of a few years from now these new companies would reap profits at a level where the problem indicated in the minutes of dissent would arise this consideration did not have sufficient practical importance.

Another objection to the abolition of the tax was that machinery and plant, in respect of which liberal depreciation allowances had been provided, would be written down in value to such an extent that the margin between the old and the market value of these plants and machinery would be considerable.

As far as this point was concerned, he thought it would be possible by a suitable amendment to the Income Tax Act to provide against the misuse of the Depreciation allowances granted. He hoped very shortly to bring legislative proposals to this effect.

The Finance Minister stated that although the tax was being abolished the entire legal machinery relating to it would be kept in tact, at a later date, if it became necessary, it would not be difficult at all for the house to reintroduce the tax." but for the present, I will appeal to the House to accept my proposal to abolish the tax".

PLEA FOR REDUCING SUPER TAX

Referring to the statements made by some members that the reduction in super-tax would benefit only about five hundred assessees, the Finance Minister said the number of assessees on the basis of which Government had estimated the probable revenue from Super-tax at existing rates was a little over 1,200. "Personally", said Dr. Matthai, "I don't think it alters materially the substance of the argument. My main argument for reducing the Super-tax is this: I consider that in the present circumstances of this country from the point of view of capital formation and industrial development, a maximum rate of fifteen annas six pies in the rupee is an absurd rate. or maximum, rates today are quite as high as the rates in the United Kingdom, which probably is the country with the longest tradition of capital formation and industrial development, and at least ten per cent higher than the maximum rates in the United States.

PEAK PASSED

We have passed the peak and the policy of Government hereafter therefore is going to be to provide relief in the matter of direct taxation in order that capital formation and industrial development may both be promoted".

"From the point of view of administration, during the past three or four years in the matter of Income-Tax we have reached a stage where the point of diminishing returns has certainly been passed. All this avoidance and evasion of taxation to a very large extent is bound up with the excessive rates at which we have fixed our direct taxation and I am inclined to think that if we go on with a system of taxation based upon these extremely high rates, we shall pass the point of diminishing returns to such an extent that it would be hardly worthwhile to maintain rates at this level".

POSTAL RATES

As regards postal rates, Dr. Matthai said that the Select Committee had made a suggestion in the majority report that there ought to be an air surcharge. Government had reviewed the position in the light of the Select Committee's report and on a further review of the whole position found that there were certain serious practical objections to the Select Committee's proposal.

"Government for the present do not consider that it would be desirable to accept the Select Committee's proposal, and their own position is that the proposals regarding postal rates should stand as they do in the original bill. I have no doubt that the Minister for Communications will be glad to answer any points that may be raised in regard to this matter".

JUTE SHORTAGE

He accepted the Select Committee's recommendation for the extension of the export duty to Bimlipatam and Mesta Fibre and varieties of jute manufactures thereof. There was at present a great shortage of jute in India and Government felt, therefore, that it was necessary in the interests of consumption in this country that a certain amount of restriction should be put upon the export of this class of Jute.

EXPORT DUTY ON CLOTH

With regard to the suggestion made by Sir Homi Mody for the abolition of export duty on cloth, Dr. Matthai said since October this duty had been reduced from 25 to 19 per cent. He could not accept Sir Homi Mody's suggestion because he thought the Financial implications were much too serious from the Government point of view.

Referring to the Select Committee recommendation on the exemption limit in regard to Income Tax for the Hindu Undivided family, the Finance Minister said he had examined the main points in the minutes of dissent and had come to the conclusion that in the interests of this particular class of assessees, it was considered necessary to raise exemption limits from Rs. 3,500 to a higher figure.

"If a suitable amendment is moved in the course of the discussion on the Finance Bill which will reduce to a minimum the possibility of this exemption limit being misused, Government would be prepared to raise the exemption limit from Rs. 3,000 to 5,000".

TOKEN SURPLUS

Summing up the effect of the changes on the general budgetary position. Dr. Matthai said: "I think that if the exemption limit is raised to Rs. 5,000, I should be able to meet the loss of revenue implied in it out of the little surplus that I have already provided and cut of the increased revenue that I expect from the extension of the export duty on raw jute to coarser jute. In the end therefore, the Budget will still remain a balanced Budget with possibly a small token surplus.

Mr. B. Das opposed the principle of referring the Finance Bill to a Select Committee and said that it meant waste of time and created suspense and doubts among the public. The Finance Minister should be allowed to deal with the taxation proposals and expenditure in a scientific way. There was no point in referring the Bill to the Select Committee after demands of grants providing for expenditure for the year had been granted.

Prof. K. T. Shah dealt at length with the question of overestimates of expenditure as well as revenue receipts and said that the difficulties mentioned by the Finance Minister were not convincing. He suggested that there should be further tightening up of the methods of revenue collection. The large amount of tax arrears was an index, he said, of the laxity in this regard. Special machinery to detect tax evasion and collect arrears should be set up. The method of collection should be more rigid than at present.

Speaking about the general structure of taxation in the country, Prof. Shah said that "unless taxation was corelated to expenditure and harmony was established between our needs and our resources, the State would run the risk of having an inequitable and unjust taxation structure with one section being oberburdened to the benefit of the others.

"TAX ON EDUCATION"

Prof. Shah characterised the postal rate increase as a "tax on communication, knowledge and spread of education and on facilities of the poor people". He was not aware of the possibility of carrying mails by air to every village even in the United States. Was India more advanced and more equipped with landing grounds, aircraft, radar facilities than the most advanced country like the United States, he asked.

The reasons advanced by the Finance Minister for increasing postal rates were just and sound.

It was time, he added, that the taxations imposed on the Hindu joint family were practically abolished. He congratulated the Finance Minister on agreeing to raise the exemption limit to Rs. 5,000.

Mr. Naziruddin ahmed suggested reimposition of Salt Tax because, he said, the purpose for which Salt Tax was sought to be abolished was not served.

Mr. Padampat Singhania said that while foreign capital was to be welcomed, Government should assure the Indian industrialists that no preferential treatment would be meted out to foreign capital as against Indian Industrialists.

Mr. Khandubhai Desai said that he could not understand how the abolition of Capital Gains Tax was going to increase the formation of capital. It might give some fillip to speculation but new capital could be formed only out of surplus production.

The burden of taxation must fall on the shoulders of those who could bear that burden.

Mr. Mahabir Tyagi said he had a general grouse against the whole Budget, and would urge the Finance Minister to give an assurance firstly, that he would not, during the coming year, exceed the amounts sanctioned by the House in the Budget in respect of any item and secondly, he would bring about a reduction of at least Rs. 100 crores by the next year in the overall annual expenditure. There was no use getting the Budget passed if next year again they were going to bring in supplementary demands, he said.

"RESERVE FOR EMERGENCIES"

Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Communications Minister, reiterated that postal rates were sought to be increased to meet the losses which the Department was incurring, to increase postal facilities and to help air companies. Civil Air Transport, Mr. Kidwai said, did not merely provide facilities for wealthy people. It was needed as a reserve for emergencies. Everybody knew the part played by civil aviation in evacuating refugees and to land troops in Srinagar in time.

It should be wrong to imagine that the Postal Department would pick out 25 per cent of the letters at random and send them by plane and the rest by ordinary transport. Whatever there were air facilities, all mail would be sent by air.

Miss Anne Mascarene supported the Finance Bill and said that in the face of financial stringency every citizen must contribute his mite.

Mr. Ramchandra Upadhyaya said that Government should give a warning to capitalists and industrialists that if production did not step up they would not be entitled to any further concessions or reliefs.

Dr. Panjab Rao Deshmukh said the Finance Minister, by underestimating the expected yield from various duties such as the Excise Duties and Postal revenues, had made out a case for increasing postal rates. If he had budgeted properly, there need have been no increase in the postal rates at all.

Mr. Deshmukh had not concluded his speech when the Speaker called on the Prime Minister to make his statement on the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference. The House adjourned till tomorrow after the Prime Minister made his statement.

ABOLITION OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Matthai Explains Reasons In Dominion Parliament

NEW DELHI, March 29 (API): The Dominion Parliament today began consideration of the Finance Bill as reported by the Select Committee.

Referring to the main questions raised in the report of the Select Committee and the minutes of dissent, the Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai explained the reasons for abolishing the Capital Gains Tax. He said the motives of the majority of people in investing their money were two fold, return on investment and capital appreciation. To the extent the Capital Gains Tax reacted upon the functions of this second motive, namely, capital appreciation, he considered it a hindrance to capital formation and therefore to investment, and had therefore proposed its abolition.

The Finance Minister said the revenue derivable from the retention of the tax during the forthcoming year would be only about rupees one crore. Even in the previous years it had yielded considerably less revenue than was anticipated. Government considered that the revenue yield was not commensurate with the psychological and other consequences it would have on investment. They had, therefore, proposed its abolition.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST ABOLITION

The arguments against its abolition, as brought out in the minutes of dissent, were that Government had already granted fairly liberal depreciation allowances and also substantial relief in the matter of income-tax to new industrial concerns. It was, therefore, suggested that as a result of these different forms of assistance which Government had granted to individual industrial concerns, the shares of these concerns were likely to go up considerably.

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS

66. The "Sherdiras-walla"

For sheer initiative, the Brotherhood of the "Sherdiras-walla" is unbeaten. He has the courage to carry that antideluvian crusher to Apollo Bunder and instal his soft-drink bar right in front of Bombay's most fashionable Hotel. Not to be outdone by the Hotel Orchestra which may be playing Xavier Cugat or Harry James, he turns a musician and sings tangy Marathi ballads at top pitch while he attends to the soul-killing job of turning the handle of the crusher. He has more faith in his own biceps muscle than in electricity as the motive power of the crusher. So he is unwilling to modernise his bar even during a prosperity wave. The origin of this Brotherhood is to be traced to Maharashtra which grows sugarcane all round the year. It is impossible to tell when he migrated but he came to the city with a strong will to live. That is why he has survived the relentless propaganda of the medical fraternity that his concoction of sugarcane juice, lemon and ice is an ideal base for the typhus germ.

"CANTANKEROUS CRANK"

These Strong Expressions Cut No Ice Says Mavlankar

NEW DELHI, March 29.—Mr. G. V. Mavlankar, Speaker, of the Indian Parliament has "reserved judgment" on whether the expression "Cantankerous Crank" is Parliamentary.

Mr. Mavlankar felt that the word "Cantankerous" was not unparliamentary, but about "crank" he was doubtful.

"I must know the implications of the whole thing" he said.

Pandit Balkrishna Sharma had asked the Speaker whether the expression "Fraud" used by Prof. K. T. Shah was Parliamentary. Prof. Shah defending his statement said his was "a lonely voice".

Pandit Sharma: "Not a lonely voice, but the voice of Cantankerous crank". That started it all over again.

Srimathi Annie Mascarene wanted to know if "Cantankerous crank" was Parliamentary.

Mr. Mavlankar: "I would look into the question but it is certainly not proper to use such expressions".

Commending to members moderation in language, he added "these strong expressions cut no ice".

NO ADDITIONAL HALF ANNA AIR MAIL FEE

Matthai's Recommendation To Parliament

NEW DELHI, March 29 (API): Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, recommended to Parliament today not to accept the Select Committee proposal to charge an additional airmail fee of half-anna per tola. The Government position, he said, was that his original proposal regarding the raising of postal, envelope rate to two annas and postal card to nine pies should stand.

Dr. Matthai told the House that the Government would be prepared to raise the extension limit on the income of Hindu undivided family from Rs. 3,000 to 5,000 if a suitable amendment was moved to reduce to minimum the possibility of the extension limit being misused.

Dr Matthai also told the House that the Government wanted to give the impression to the country that as far as the level of direct taxation was concerned "we have passed the peak and the policy of the Government hereafter, therefore, is going to be to provide relief in the matter of direct taxation in order that capital formation and industrial development may both be promoted".

NEHRU'S MESSAGE TO NIMITZ

NEW DELHI, March 29 (A.P.I.): The Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has sent a message to Admiral Chester Nimitz, the Plebiscite Administrator for Kashmir wishing him "every success" in his responsible task".

The message says: "The United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan has communicated to me your aceptance of the office of Plebiscite Administrator. On behalf of the Government of India, and on my own behalf, I wish you every success in this responsible task. The Government of India, who were the very first to affirm that the people of Jammu and Kashmir should determine their future of their own free will, will give you every assistance in ensuring that this purpose is peacefully achieved. Your high distinction in the service of your great country should, if I may say so, be a source of confidence to all in the fulfilment of your mission".

16TH ANNIVERSARY OF R. I. A. F.

Country-wide Celebrations On April 1

NEW DELHI, March 29. (API)—The Royal Indian Air Force will be sixteen years old on Friday, April 1, when the historic occasion will be celebrated at all R.I.A.F. stations.

There will be parades, sports and, wherever possible, flying displays. The biggest function will be held at Ambala, where the Wings Presentation and Commissioning Parade will be held in conjunction with the Sixteenth anniversary celebrations at the Advance Flying School.

The Governor-General, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, will take part in the Ambala celebration.

The celebrations all over India will be open to the public. Collections will be made for the R.I.A.F. benevolent fund on that day.

At the R.I.A.F. Station, New Delhi, the celebrations will include a carnival fancy dress, rugger, ladies' hockey tournaments, a station lunch for airmen, free cinema show and station dance At 7-30 a.m. there will be a colour-hoisting parade.

At 8-55 p.m. Air Vice Marshal S. Mukerjee, Officiating Chief of the Air Staff and Commander-in-Chief, R.I.A.F., will broadcast a message from the Delhi station of All-India Radio.

REHABILITATION OF REFUGEES

Congress President Pledges Unstinted Support

NEW DELHI, March 29. (API)—Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, the Congress President, said today he would give unstinted support to displaced persons in their rehabilitation.

Dr. Sitaramayya was replying to an address presented by the All-India Pursharti Beopar Mandal here. He said that the provincial as well as the central governments were faced with the gigantic task of rehabilitating five and a half million displaced persons. They had succeeded in their endeavour to a great extent but still a lot had to be done. The Governments were doing their best but they had their own difficulties.

The Congress President added that several townships were being built for them in different parts of the country. It would, however, take some time when all the displaced persons would be provided with accommodation.

Conference To Review Development Projects

NEW DELHI, March 29 (UPI): The Ministry of Works, Mines and Power, Government of India, propose shortly to convene a conference of Irrigation and Electricity Ministers of provinces and states to undertake a comprehensive review of all river valley developments projects in the country, and to discuss and approve a seven-year plan for the co-ordinated development of the water resources of India.

The conference will be held in New Delhi and will be presided over by Shri N. V. Gadgil, Minister for Works, Mines and power.

Watery Grave For Eight Persons

BANARAS, March 29 (A.P.I.): Eight persons are believed to have been drowned in the Ganges on Saturday last when a ferry boat capsized near Balua Ghat, about 14 miles from here, according to information received here.

Four bodies have so far been recovered and search for others continues.

The ferry boat, it is stated, capsized due to overload.

MUTT AND JEFF—Aw Well, Everything Is Reversed In A Mirror

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